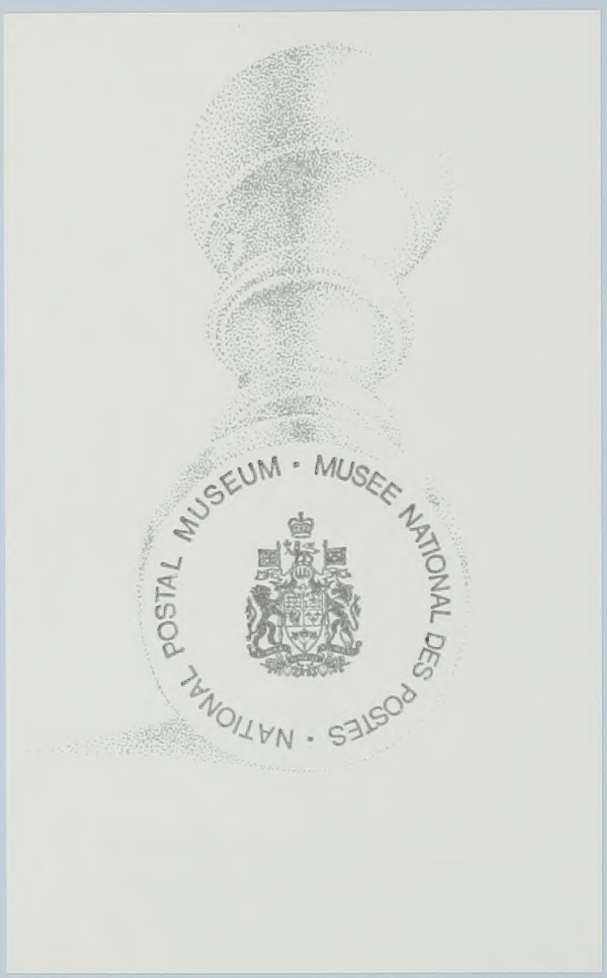
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JULY BARGAINS.

Jamaica, 1900, 1p	03c	Brazil, 1844, 10 reis	12c
Nova Scotia, 2c	40c	" 1850, 10, 30 and 60 reis	15c
" " 5c	18c	" 1866, 20r, dull violet	35c
Orange Free State, 3 varieties	05c	" " 50r, blued paper	40c
Tunis, 7 varieties	10c	" 1894, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 300	05c
Congo Free State, 5 varieties	25c	Chile, 1 peso	20c
Persia, 8 varieties	10c	Cook Islands, 1893, 1p	12c
" 18 " a fine lot	40c	" " " 1½p	04c
China, 1894, 9 Cand	10c	" " 1898, ½ and 2p	08c
" " 12 Cand	10c	Morocco Agencies, 4 varieties	12c
" " 24 Cand	20c	Newfoundland, Cabot, 4, 5, 6 cents	15c
Tasmania, 1 and 2p	06c	" Royal Picture Gallery, 7 varieties	18c
New Zealand, 1882-69, ½ to 1 shil., 10 varieties.	18c	Queensland, 1896-99, ½ to 6p, 8 varieties	10c
" " 1898, ½, 1, 2, 2½ (error), 4 and 6.	25c	Tasmania, Platypus, 1, 3, 6p and 1 shil.	15c
" " " 5, colonial print	10c	West Aust, 1p to 1 shilling, 7 varieties	20c
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1895. 1 dollar black .. .. .32
" 2 " blue 1 15
" 5 " green 1.25
1898. 50 cents, green, Omaha .. .25
" 1 dollar black " .. .75
" 2 dollars brown " .. 1,60

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1882, Provisional used postally.
" 1 cent, crimson, brig in centre .. $ .60
" 1 " " ship " .. .60
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" 2 " " ship " .. .75

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" 2s 6d brown and purple.. . .55
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" 5s.-green and chestnut .. .. .80
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1898, 1s,-ochre .. .. ,18

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	Per 10	Per 100
Argentine 1890 2c	5	
" 5c	4	
1892 ½	4	30
1	4	25
2	4	25
3	5	
5	3	20
Austria '83 asst.		20
" 1891 20 kr	5	
24 kr	5	
30 kr	3	
50 kr	10	
1896 1 florin	20	
1863 News 1kr	15	
Austria Levant 90		
8 paras on 2kr	15	
10 paras on 3kr	10	
1 pia on 10 kr	4	25
Barbados '82 ½p	10	70
1p	8	55
2½p	15	
1892 ½p	6	50
1p	5	30
2½p	10	
1896 1f	10	
'97 Jubilee ½p	12	
1p	12	
Belgium 1861 10c	10	
20c	5	
Belgium 1863 10c	10	
" 20c	12	
" 1870 10c	3	
" '84-93 asst'd		12
" Newspaper '63-93 asst'd		15
Bermuda 1884 1p	10	
Bosnia 1879 ½n	5	
1n	10	
5n	3	25
10n	5	
Brazil 1850 30r	20	
60r	15	
1866 80 reis	50	
1878 10 reis	20	
" 50 reis	20	
" 200 reis	1.00	
1894-97 asst'd		25
Bri. Guiana 89-91 2c	4	
1c	4	
5c	4	
1898 2 on 5c	30	
Bulgaria well asst'		30
Cape G. H. ½,1,2, as.		15
Chili assorted		15
Columbia Rep. asst.		50
Cuba well asst'd		50
Dutch Ind. '70 10c	3	25
" " asst'd		30
Ecuador '72 1peso	35	
" '81 1,2 asst	10	80
1881 20c	10	
Egypt well asst'd		20
Fiji Isl. 1893 2p	30	
1896 1p	25	
Finland well asst.		20
France 1853 20c	8	60
40c	10	
1862 20c	8	
1870 25	4	
40c	8	
1871 10c	8	
15c	8	
30c	10	
80c	10	
TYPE I 1876 5c	50	
10c	15	
15c	25	
20c	10	
30c	20	1.75
75c	25	2 00
1fr	20	
TYPE II 2c	20	
15c	5	
25c	6	40
30c	5	
1fr	4	25
'79-97 well asst'd		20

	Per 10	Per 100
French Col'y asst		30
Germany '80 2 mk	5	25
Greece well asst'd		25
Guadeloupe asst.		50
Gwalior Serv. ½anna	10	
Hayti 1887 1c	40	
2c	40	
Hong Hong 2,5,10 a.		50
Hungary 1872 5kr	4	
10kr	25	
1874-76 asst'd		35
1881 "		25
1888-98 "		25
1900 "	3	
India '55 ½ anna	25	2.00
1865 ½ "	8	
1 "	15	
2 "	20	
1881 3 "	10	
1883 2 "	5	
1885 4 "	10	
'98 ¼ on ½ "	20	
'99 3 pies	5	
H. M. S. 2 an	5	
4 "	20	
1 rupee	35	
India well asst'd		30
" Envelope ½an	4	
Sirmoor '79 ¼ anna	1.00	
'85 6pies	50	
94 6pies	30	
Italy well asst'd		30
Jamaica '85 ½p	3	12
'89-91 1p		10
Japan '83-93 3 sen	5	
4 sen	4	
8 sen	5	
20 sen	6	
50 sen	10	
1 yeu	25	
'94 2 sen	8	
Assorted		25
Lagos 1p	15	
Malta ½p	12	1.00
Mexico well asst'd		30
Morocco Ag'ies	25	20

	Per 10	Per 100
Netherlands 1894		
7½c	10	
" '96 50c	25	
" '96 1 gld	75	
' well asst'd		10
" '99 "		20
New S. W. '82 1,2	5	40
'88 1 & 2		10
'88 4p	8	50
'88 6p	8	50
'91 ½	3	25
'97 1 & 2		15
'98 ½	3	25
New Zeal '73 1p	8	
'82 1 & 2		10
3	15	
4	10	
1 shil	18	
'91 2½p	10	
'98 ½p	10	
1p	5	40
2p	5	45
4p	65	
6p	80	
2½p	85	
Life Ins. 1	10	
2	10	
Orange F State 2p	12	
Persia '85 5sh	15	
'89 5sh	10	
'91 5zh	10	
'94 8sh	20	
'95 10sh	20	
'98 1sh	10	
Peru '86 5c	8	
'86 10c	5	
Porto Rico w. asst		35
Portugal "		20
Queensland '79 1p		
brown red	1.00	
2p	35	
'91-94 1 & 2		30
'91-94 2½	15	
3p	25	
4p	15	

	Per 10	Per 100
Queensland 6p	12	
1sh	55	
'95 ½p	6	
1	4	
2	4	
5	45	
'96 1 & 2p		15
'98 ½	18	
3	20	
6	20	
2½	15	
serrated 1p	50	
Roumania asst'd		25
Russia well asst'd		15
Sierra L. ½ & 1p	15	
So. Afr Rep '85 1p	10	
'87 2p	10	
'96 1p	10	
'96 6p	50	
'95 ½p on 1sh	30	
1p on 2½	40	
'95 1p Jubilee	30	
South Aust '99 1p	6	
'99 2p	6	
Straits S. '92 1 on 8c	20	
'94 8c	12	
Perak '95 3c	12	
Swiss '55 5r	20	
10r	20	
'82-99 asst'd		15
'82 12c	10	
'90 30c	10	
unpaid '78 3c	20	
" '84 5c	10	
10	10	
20	15	
Tasmania asst'd		20
Tunis well asst'd		50
Trinidad '83 1p	5	
2½p	10	
'96 1p	8	
2½p	10	
Turkey asst'd		25
'97 5 on 10p	15	
'97 5 on 10p blk surcharge	15	

LATE ARRIVALS.

Tasmania, 1900, 1p red and 2p purple, assorted, 16c per ten.

West Australia, 1 and 2p, assorted, 35c per 100.
4p, 25c " 10.
6p, 35c " 1c.
Victoria, 4 and 6p, 8c " 10.

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Bill Stamps.		per 10	per 100
1st issue	$ 1	$ 8	
	2	8	
	3	5	
	4	30	
	5	12	
	6	5	
	7	75	
	8	75	
	9	5	
	10	15	
	20	25	
	40	1 00	
2nd is.	1	8	75
	2	8	75
	3	6	50
	4	75	
	5	25	2 00
	6	6	50
	9	6	50
	10	8	75
	20	12	
	30	18	
	40	75	
	50	25	2 00
3rd is.	1	6	50
	2	6	50
	3	3	20
	4	8	75
	5	6	50
	6	3	20
	7	12	1 00
	8	12	1 00
	9	3	20
	10	3	20
	20	6	50
	30	6	50
	40	12	1 00
	50	6	50
	1 00	8	75

Quebec Law Stamps.		per 10	per 100
1869	$ 10 red	$ 10	$
	20 "	15	
	30	10	
	40	15	
	50	10	
	60	25	
	70	50	
	80	25	
	90	1 00	
	1 00 blue	15	
	2 00 "	40	
	3 00	1 00	
	4 00	1 25	
	5 00	1 50	
1893	10 slate	10	
	30 "	15	
	40	20	
	70	75	
	1 00	25	
Gas Stamp	25	10	
	50	10	
	1 00	15	
Registration	5 green	15	
	15 "	20	
	30	50	
Weights & Measures	1	50	
	2	50	
	50	10	
	1 00	20	
	1 50	50	
	2 00	30	
Sets			
	10 different	30	2 50
	15 "	75	7 00
	25	1 50	12 00
	40	3 50	30 00
	60	7 50	60 00

WHOLESALE PRICE LIST OF CANADA STAMPS.

		10	100	1000
Canada	1851 3d	2 00		
	1859 5c	25	2 00	
	1868 3c	25	2 00	
	70–93 ½	10	75	
	1	02	05	40
	2	02	10	80
	3	02	05	20
	5	05	25	2 00
	6	20	1 40	12 50
	8	05	35	3 00
	10	20	1 75	
	15	50	4 00	
	20	75	7 00	
Jubilee	1	15	1 00	
	2	35	2 50	
	3	05	35	3 00
	5	75		
1897 4 leaves	½	12	90	8 50
	1	3	20	1 75
	2	5	35	3 00
	3	2	10	90
	5	15	1 00	9 00
	6	70		
	8	25	2 00	17 50
1898 (numerals	½)	05	35	3 00
	1	1	5	35
	2	2	7	60
	3	2	12	1 00
	5	10	50	4 75
	6	40	3 50	
	8	30	1 75	
	10	50	4 00	
Xmas 2c. lavender.		7	70	7 00
" 2c. dk. blue.		10	75	7 00
1899 2 on 3c. 1897.		20	1 50	12 50
" 2 on 3c. 1898.		12	80	7 50
" 2c. carmine.		1	5	35
Registered 5c green		10	75	
Envelopes 77 1c. bl.		25	2 00	
" " 3c. rd.		8	75	
" 98 1c. gr.		15	1 25	
" " 2c. rd.		10	85	
" 3c. rd.		20	1 50	

SETS.

Canada, 1870-93, 1, 2, 3 and 5c, $3.00 per 1000 sets.

Canada, 1897, 1, 2, 3 and 5c, $1.50 per 100 sets, $14.00 per 1000 sets.

Canada, 1898, 1, 2, 3 and 5c, 95c. per 100 sets, $8.75 per 1000 sets.

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100 Australians, 40 vars.	ass'ted	50c
100 Argentine Republic.	"	25c
100 Bulgaria.	"	30c
100 Canada, 1897, 7 vars.	"	50c
100 " 1898, 8 vars.	"	30c
100 " Revenues, 25 vs.	"	50c
100 Cape of Good Hope.	"	20c
100 Cuba and Porto Rico.	"	25c
100 Chile.	"	15c
100 Egypt.	"	20c
100 French Colonies.	"	30c
100 Greece.	"	25c
100 Guadeloupe.	"	50c
100 India.	"	25c
100 India, H.M.S.	"	30c
100 Mexico, 1886-95	"	30c
100 New Zealand, 1898.	"	54c

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NEWS OF THE MONTH.

In answer to our request for the opinions of our subscribers as to the advisability of continuing our monthly report of new issues 520 of our readers have expressed their wishes ; of these 445 vote in favor of continuing the report and 75 wish it discontinued. Although the number who have recorded their votes is less than one fourth our total subscription list, we think the majority of 6 to 1 may fairly be considered as representing the views of the greater part of our readers, therefore their wishes will be respected and the report continued. We find that those who have voted "for" are nearly all enthusiastic and emphatic in their approval of our work, while those who have voted "against" do so in many cases without comment, or because they subscribe to one or more of the weekly journals, and get the same news there. Only one or two of the minority offer any suggestions, while many valuable hints have been received from the majority. We will act upon some of the suggestions thrown out, and hope to make this department of our paper more and more interesting as the plans we have in view are developed. To the voters in the minority we merely request that they kindly read our chronicle, and we think they will find therein much useful information that is not given in any other paper, weekly or monthly, they will also find in other departments matter that may be of more special interest to them, if they do not collect the new issues. To one and all who have responded to our request we tender our sincere thanks ; it is always a pleasure to an editor to find that his readers take sufficient interest in his work to express their opinions about it. As promised, with this number, we send an unused newly issued stamp to all those who have voted, hoping it may give them as much pleasure to receive it, as we experienced in receiving their votes.

The new issues of this month are comparatively few and not of great philatelic interest. With the practical termination of the Transvaal war, the flight of Kruger, and the surrender of the greater part of the Boer forces, public interest in African affairs has waned. It is now concentrated on the events of China. What will be the ultimate outcome of the troubles there, it would be a wise prophet who could foretell, but whatever may be in store, our science—Philately—will certainly place on record ; in these columns our readers will find the Philatelic war news.

ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

BELGIUM. — In conformity with an official decree dated May 23rd, the unpaid letter stamps of 50 centimes and 1 franc are in future to be printed in grey and in orange respectively, the same colors as the corresponding values of the regular postage stamps. We hear that the color of the 10c unpaid is also to be changed from red brown to carmine for a similar reason.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA. — The 2s which we noted as "reported" in our May number, should read 10s olive green and black.

BRAZIL.—Last December, on the authority of a Brazilian correspondent, we reported the prospective issue of a complete new set, this news is now confirmed by *Le Timbrophile Belge* which states that stamps of the following types are in preparation :—

10	reis,	Aborigene of Brazil
20	"	Pedro Alvarez Cabral
50	"	Tiradentes
100	"	Jose Bonifacio
200	"	Don Pedro
300	"	Benjamin Constant
500	"	Deodora da Fonseca
700	"	Florian Peixoto
1.000	"	First voyage to Brazil
2.000	"	Battle of Ypiranga
5.000	"	Proclamation of the Republic
10.000	"	Allegory of Civilization.

Students of history will find a complete synopsis of the events of historical importance in connection with Brazil, in the persons and scenes depicted on this set. The *Am. J. of P.* publishes a translation of a report from the Secretary-General of the Revolutionary Government of the State of Acre, announcing the appearance on August 1st of stamps of the following designs, values and colors :—

Allegorical figure of "History."
200 reis blue 800 reis yellow
500 " red
National flag in proper colors with ornaments in black.
2,000 reis and 5,000 reis.

[illegible] contemporary expresses a doubt as to the continuance of the revolution until the date fixed for the issue of the stamps.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—*Ewen's W. S. News* reports the appearance of the current 10 cents mauve and green with the surcharge "Revenue" in black.

CEYLON.—The 2 cents brown issued in 1899 has been surcharged "On service" in black ink, replacing the 2c green of the official set.

CHILI.—The new issue, illustrated last month, has been completed by the appearance, according to the *Ill. Briefmarken Journal*, of the 20c black and 50c brown. The *Am. J. of P.* announces and illustrates the 5c envelope ultramarine on white laid paper.

COLUMBIA.—The recent issues of the "provisional government" have with the collapse of the revolution, been suppressed.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—The *W. P. Era* reports a 5c blue of similar design to the 1c we reported last month.

FRENCH CONGO. — We illustrate the three designs prepared for this colony. The fact of these illustrations being copied from proofs, may account for the 2nd design being inscribed 15c whereas according to the list given last month that value is to be of the oblong type.

Just as we go to press sets of these stamps have arrived. They are somewhat disappointing in execution and the colors do not correspond with those we gave from advance notices. A corrected list will appear next month.

GERMANY.—The *Am. J. of P.* reports receiving the 2pf slate in the new Germania type.

GUATEMALA.—From Mr. Paul Fleischhauer we have received the 1 cent current type in dark green, and the 6 cent in light green. It was expected and so reported by us last month that a change of design would take place at the time of the adoption of U.P.U. colors, the issue of these stamps in new colors but of the old design, would seem to indicate that the proposed arrangement has been abandoned.

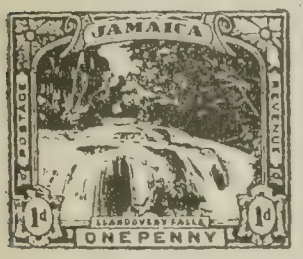
The *Am. J. of Philately* states that the following are the colors adopted for the various values up to 25c, those higher to remain as before.

2c red 20c violet
5c blue 25c light yellow
10c grey

HAWAII. — *Filatelic Facts and Fallacies* reports that the entire stock of the 12c blue was bought up by a Honolulu speculator on May 15th, The price, at face value, paid for the stock is said to be in the neighborhood of $5,000, which represents over 41,000 of the stamps. With that quantity stored away for future philatelists the stamp will never become a rarity, though the holder of the "corner" may ask a fancy price for his property, as long as he finds stamp collectors who are foolish enough to pay it.

INDIA.—The postal authorities have decided to adopt U.P.U. colors. This will necessitate the change of the colors of the 1 anna from brown to carmine and of the 2a 6p from green to blue, and as those colors are now appropriated to the

¼a and 2a these values will also have to be changed. *The Phil. Journal of India* states that violet has been selected for the 2a, and that slate-grey will probably be the color of the ¼a. The same journal also states that the stock in hand of the 2a, 6p is very large, and as since the adoption of the Imperial penny postage rate that value is but little used, its change of color may be postponed indefinitely.



JAMAICA.—We illustrate the new 1d stamp described last month, and which is said to have been issued to commemorate the establishment of Imperial Penny Postage.

JAPAN.—The commemorative stamp illustrated and described last month has been surcharged for use at the Japanese post offices in China and Corea.

MAURITIUS. — A correspondent of *L'Essor Philatelique* reports the issue on April 30th of the 4 cents surcharged on 16c red brown of 1885. These surcharged stamps it seems have been in stock at the Treasury since 1898. The entire issue was bought up by speculators in a few minutes in lots of 25 to each purchaser. 10,000 specimens were sold at Port Louis and 20,000 at other post offices throughout the island.

NEW ZEALAND.—The 4d brown with blue centre has been printed on the "N. Z. and star" paper, and the balance of the printing on unwatermarked paper has been issued. It is reported that a 1½d. with a design commemorative of the New Zealand African contingent, to be painted in *khaki*, has been ordered by the P. O. Department, a stamp of that value being specially required for newspaper postage.

NORTH BORNEO.—The recently issued 4 cents (monkey type) has been changed in color from green and black to carmine and black. The 4c. Labuan also appears in the same colors instead of yellow brown and black as formerly.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—It is reported by a French Journal that a new series of special designs will soon be in use. It is said that the 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10 cents will show Manilla bay ; the 15 and 50 cents a map of the islands, and the $1, $2 and $5 some historical subject. We have been unable to obtain any confirmation of this report from our Washington correspondent and have doubts of its truth.

RUSSIA. — (*Offices in the Levant.*) The current 1k has appeared surcharged in blue 4 paras, the 2k in red 10 paras, and the 10k in red 1 piastre, for use at Constantinople and other foreign offices in the Turkish Empire.

SAMOA.—The German post office was opened in these islands March 1st with a complete set of the old type of German stamps from 3 pf to 50 pf surcharged diagonally "Samoa" in black.

SARAWAK. — The *W. P. Era* is our authority for the appearance of a new stamp 20c olive with value in mauve.

SWITZERLAND.—Mr. G. H. Daeniker of Seewis informs us that a set of 5, 10 and 25 centimes was to appear July 2nd commemorative of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union.

TRANSVAAL.—The first stamp bearing the indications of the British occupation is thus noted by *S.G. Monthly Journal.*— "It is the current ½ *green*, overprinted "V. R.— SPECIAL-POST," in three lines, vertically. in *black*, and some fifty copies were, we are informed, issued thus at Vryburg, on the arrival of the British troops there, and used by British residents at that place who were anxious to send letters to the colonies or home. There being no English or Cape stamps available at once, these Transvaal stamps were surcharged by the Magistrate of the town and presumably the amount paid for them credited to the British Post Office." The M. J. adds, "it has all the appearance of being a genuine provisional."

TURKEY.—It was reported some time ago that a new issue was to appear March 1st, but nothing more has been heard of it. The *Am. J. af P.* is our authority for the statement that a stamp commemorative of the 25th anniversary of the accession of the reigning Sultan, is to appear upon the celebration of this event in August.

LOCAL NOTES.

Mr. C. A. Needham returned from his trip to England a short time ago. We understand he was not successful in the mission upon which he made the trip and that in consequence he has given up is store in this city and retired from the stamp business. We trust he may find the means to re-enter it again, under

more favorable auspices, as he is an expert philatelist, and in more ways than one his withdrawal will be a loss to our ranks.

The store 2104 St. Catherine St. has been rented by Mr. A. C. Roussel, who will re-open it about August 15th with a fine stock of stamps. Mr. Roussel has been a collector for many years, specializing in the stamps of Great Britain, France and New Zealand ; we learn that having decided to become a stamp merchant, he will abandon his private collections and place them on sale with the rest of his stock. Specialists in the countries named will have an unusual chance to obtain many rare and interesting varieties.

Mr. Madore, late assistant with Needham & Co., is also going into the stamp business on his own account. He has taken the store at No. 6 Beaver Hall Hill (fomerly occupied by the Dominion Stamp Co.), has had it thoroughly renovated and opens up with a fine stock of medium grade stamps. We wish both these gentlemen a full measure of success in their ventures, and can recommend them to our readers as thoroughly reliable, and courteous business men.

The League of Canadian Philatelists is to be congratulated upon its substantial progress, under the energetic management of its popular president Mr. W. Kelsey Hall, and its indefatigable secretary Mr. H. Smith. As it was at our suggestion that Mr. Hall was promoted to the presidential chair, we may be allowed some little self congratulation upon the wisdom of the choice made. Since his taking office new life has been infused into the League, all "dead wood" or undesirable members have been dropped, and the society now ranks as one of the very best in existence Its exchange department is well managed, most desirable stamps are to be found on its circuit, and purchases are always satisfactory. One of its "circuits" was recently exhibited at a meeting of the staid old Montreal Philatelic Association and so surprised and pleased were the members present, that tney at once decided to join the League in a body. The applications of those who were not previously members, will be found in this number. The names comprise Montreal's foremost philatelists, several who are members of the celebrated exclusive London society. With this large addition to its ranks, and the rare and valuable stamps that it will bring into its exchange department, the L. of C. P. can now claim to be Canada's Premier Society, quality not quantity considered, and second to none iu any part of the world. It is a high honor to be Official Organ for such an association of distinguished philatelists.

Mr. W. C. Stone of Springfield, Mass., was a welcome visitor at the office of the *Montreal Philatelist*, while in Montreal last month attending the convention of the Librarians' Association. He gave us some useful hints as to the best way to run a local Philatelic club, derived from his experience with the Springfield Club.

PHILATELY IN INDIA

BY

Kumar Mahendralala Mitra, F. S. Sc.

Calcutta, May 24th 1900.

Great Britain having shewn the way in partially conforming to the rules of the International Postal Convention, India is likely to follow in the former's footsteps. The ½d green was received in Calcutta by the mail before last, and the color of the low values of all British Indian stamps from 2½ annas downwards will shortly be altered. The Native States also will have sets of their own, and as there are half a dozen, such States using British Indian stamps surcharged with the names of their countries, philatelists will have a very bad time of it. For certain personages it is a godsend, as there is no knowing how many errors and varieties may be manufactured and cornered.

The 6 annas *bistre*, with "East India Postage" altered to "India Postage" [noticed in the *Monthly Journal* received by the last mail] has not yet been put on the market here, for just now I enquired at the General Post Office and was told that it is not available yet. It would be interesting to know how and where the new 6 annas was secured by the journal quoted by the *Monthly*. [Probably from a specimen sent out for official collections through the U.P.U.—Ed. M. P.]

Cochin too is getting a new set of stamps. The *puttan* coinage is to be abolished and the British Indian coinage introduced. The stamps accordingly will have their values indicated in annas instead of puttans as heretofore, though it has not yet been settled whether the young ladies will be arrayed in new colored clothing. The current issue will, it is calculated, be exhausted by September next, after which the new issue will make its bow to the public. Stamp and coin collectors and dealers, be on the *qui vive!*

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STAMP CUTS.

Our esteemed contemporary the *Philatelic Advocate* has, we think somewhat unnecessarily, raised the question of the illustration of stamps in the journals and catalogues, formally bringing the matter to the attention of the Hon. Postmaster General who was quite willing to overlook this supposed breach of the P. O. Act, as long as it was not forced upon his notice.

There is no law in Canada that forbids the illustration of stamps, when used for a legitimate purpose, and the Postmaster General has no power to rule otherwise than the law prescribes. He has no power even to enforce his own opinion or the opinion of his departmental officers as to the interpretation of the law, that is the province of the judges of our courts, the Postmaster General having executive, not judicial power in this British land of liberty. If in his opinion there is a contravention of the law, he can test the matter by legal process, and have the offender punished if found guilty.

The 86th section of the Post Office Act is as follows :—"Forging any postage "stamp &c. Every one who forges, "counterfeits or imitates any postage "stamp issued or used under the authority "of this Act, or by or under the authority "of the Government or proper authority "of the United Kingdom, or of any "British possession, or of any foreign "country,— or knowingly uses any such "forged, counterfeit or imitated stamp,— "or engraves, cuts, sinks or makes any "plate, die or other thing wherby to forge, "counterfeit or imitate such stamp ..... "or has possession of any such plate, die "or other thing as aforesaid, except by "the permission in writing of the Post-"master General.....is guilty of "felony, and liable to imprisonment for "life or for a term not less than five years."

Supported by the best of legal advice we contend that this section is directed solely against the fraudulent counterfeiting of stamps and that the severe punishment prescribed is sufficient proof that it cannot be interpreted to mean the prohibition of illustrations, where all intention of a fraudulent use of imitated stamps is clearly absent. It would certainly be a severe straining of the law that would class such legitimate illustration by the press, with felonious counterfeiting, and we are inclined to think that no judge or jury would agree with such an interpretation of the act.

OUR CRITICS.

As we expected our defense of the much abused commemorative stamp has met with a good deal of adverse criticism; our worthy contemporary, *Stamps* in its May number reproduces a *portion* of our article on the subject, not the whole as it states, and with the illogical characteristics of the average Englishman, proceeds to demolish it thus :—

"What we hate to commemorate in our albums is the impecuniosity of corrupt administrations, the pettifogging attempts that a round dozen or so of mercenary states make on the purse of the philatelist without reason and without rhyme."

Exactly! Our contemporary objects to certain stamps because they are *speculative*, as any sensible philatelist would, and then proceeds, whenever opportunity offers, to group them with certain other stamps, unnecessary if you like, and abuses the latter because they are *commemorative*. Wonderful logic!

What we object to, considering them as against the true interests of Philately, are such remarks as the following in a sketch of the Postmaster General of the South African Republic, in the *Philatelic Record* for June.

"Philatelically, Mr. Van Alphen has *sinned* but once in his official career. In 1895 he gave way to the temptation of issuing a commemorative stamp, to celebrate the introduction of penny postage into the Transvaal. That stamp was condemned by Philatelists as unnecessary and speculative. Mr. Van Alphen publicly defended its issue as purely commemorative."

Here we find the P. M. General accused of sinning because his stamp was—not speculative, but commemorative.

As we stated in our April article, to condemn a stamp solely *because it is commemorative* is to condemn almost every stamp ever issued from the Mulready envelopes to date. But what that has to do with *speculative* stamps, or attempts on the purse of the philatelist, we will leave our esteemed friend *Stamps* to supply the reason or the rhyme.

WHERE IS MAFEKING?

On the authority of several "war" maps, which claim to be accurate, in our last month's chronicle, we located this historic town, in the territory known as Bechuanaland Protectorate. We notice that *Mekeel's Weekly* places it in Rhodesia, a Boston correspondent of the same journal states that it is in Cape Colony, while a London correspondent favors British Bechuanaland.

Our usual authorities on such subjects, the *Statesman's Year Book* and *Appleton's Annual Cyclopedia* give no definite clue to the location, but as they allude to the town as the terminus of the railway line, when treating of the Protectorate, we took it for granted that the war maps were correct. We have since consulted the latest Atlas published in London, and find the town is just south of the Molopo river and consequently within the boundary of the former colony of British Bechuanaland, which since 1895 has been incorporated in the Cape Colony. There is therefore nothing extraordinary in the use of Cape stamps for special service during the siege.

In this number we publish the first letter of our new correspondent from India, Kumar Mahendralala Mitra, F. S. Sc. of Calcutta whose notes will appear exclusively in the MONTREAL PHILATELIST. We have not heretofore included Native Indian stamps in our chronicle of new issues, as in the absence of an expert on these emissions, we did not feel competent to pass an opinion on their character, and in conformity with our policy and principles, we wish nothing to appear in our columns, which we cannot fully vouch for. Notes on these little understood stamps will be of interest to the large number who collect them, and we hope to furnish such notes from the pen of our Indian correspondent. The eyes of the whole world are now directed to events in Asia, consequently Asiatic stamps will soon be in demand, and there would be nothing surprising in a popular run on Native Indian stamps and a rise in value in consequence.

CASUAL PHILATELIC NOTES FROM COOK ISLANDS.

By Ralph W. Gosset.

In Tahiti, (the chief French colony in the Eastern Pacific), a great number of the 10c black on lavender, 1881 6 issue, are being used on correspondence, a large amount of them pass through the Post-office here, from which I presume they are on sale at the Post-office at that place.

It is interesting to note that between the Cook Islands and Tahiti the postage is 5d from either place, but from either of these places to any other part of the world the postage is 2½d. Truly some great anomalies exist in the postal union.

A new stock of stamps arrived at the post office at this place from the Government printer at Wellington N. Z. recently, and are all printed on hard brittle paper, as compared with the kind they were printed on formerly. The heat here makes a great many of the sheets of stamps stick firmly together, and the colors of some are spoiled in soaking them apart again.

One sees some funny addresses sometimes. The following address was on a letter that passed through the post office at this place recently. After deciphering it it was duly sent on to its destination, viz:

2033. Herrn Ingenieur Herzfelder
I Pigottangaffa 4.
Auckland
à. Neuseeland
Cooks office
Wien
über amer ka

A little while back a post office was opened at Port Moresby, British New Guinea, and was placed under the auspices of the Queensland Postal Department, and in consequence Queensland stamps are used there. They are unsurcharged and only the Postmark shews that they have been used at that place

The 1d brown Cook Islands' stamp which first came out in 1893, was a fairly rare stamp, as in all catalogues it was priced approximately 1s; in 1894 it was changed to blue,—for what reason no one can say—but I know that a certain person on this Island made a corner in them on the change of color. It was on account of a fraud that was practiced to a very large extent on the Government that they were changed back to brown again. At the present time the 1d blue is a fairly uncommon stamp and will get more so as time goes on, for the next change in color in the 1d if there is one will be to rose—the Postal union color.—

I have received permission to forward you a copy of the two following documents re the surcharging of the 1d blue Cook Islands stamp to one half penny viz:

Memorandum for the Chief Postmaster

The old brown 1d stamp having been revived and a supply received in this office.

You are hereby authorised on and after the 24th inst to make the following changes:

To reduce the balance of all the 1d blue stamps to one half penny and to issue the old brown stamp as the one penny stamp of the Federation.

(Signed) Makea,
Chief of the Federal Government.

Approved:

(Signed) W. E. Gudgeon,
British Resident.

24th April 1899.

Rarotonga, April 24th 1899.

I hereby certify that I have this day examined the quantity of one penny blue stamps now on hand and I further certify them to be as follows:

90 [ninety] sheets of 120 stamps.

Authority from the Chief of the Cook Islands Federal Government approved by the British Resident has also been produced before me for the reduction of the above "one penny" blue stamps to "one half penny."

[Signed] A. von Hoff.
Government Auditor.

According to the above it will be seen that 10,800 stamps were surcharged valued before the reduction £45. and afterwards £22. 10s.

While in conversation with the Government printer at this place recently, he informed me that while printing the ½d surcharges two errors were made viz: half a sheet [60 stamps] of 1d blues was doubly surcharged as per my notes in this paper of November and that another half sheet [60 stamps] was surcharged inverted; [see paragraph in my notes on page 109, Mnrch 1900]. So this clears up all doubts as to whether any inverted surcharges occurred although I have not yet seen any.

Then of course there is the "full stop" error which I have already described at length in a recent letter.

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H. SMITH,
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NEWS OF THE MONTH.

The greater part of our space is taken up with philatelic news from Africa. The facts in regard to recent issues of "war stamps" are now coming to light. The first wild quotations for "V. R. I." surcharges are giving place to more reasonable figures, as can be seen from our advertisers' announcements. Australian Federation is assured by the Queen's signature to the act passed by the British Parliament. The colonies have now to take action and get their new system of government into working order. When the elections are held and the Government organized we may expect new stamps from the Commonwealth of Australia.

ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

BAVARIA.—(*Provisional 5 pf. cards*). In order to use up the stock of obsolete 3 pf post cards, they are to be impressed with an additional stamp of the new 2 pf type in slate. Both the single and reply cards are to be so treated making them 5 pf cards.

BELGIUM.—(*Change of color 10c cards*). To correspond with the recent change in color of the 10c stamp, the post cards single and reply and letter cards of that value are to be in future printed in carmine.

BOSNIA.—(*10 h Reply cards*). The 10 heller cards reported in our June number come as reply cards as well as single, as there stated.

BRITISH HONDURAS. — (*Surcharged 10c.*) The current 10c mauve and green has been issued surcharged with the word "Revenue" like the 5c, 25c and 50c. This surcharge does not indicate, as has been surmised by a correspondent, that these are simply revenue stamps, but it means that they can be used for fiscal purposes as well as for postage.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE. — (*Mafeking Locals*). The *bona fides* of these "siege stamps' has been questioned by some of our English contemporaries, and quite a controversy is now raging over them in *Ewen's W. S. News*. We reproduce in another column an interesting report on the issue, which is endorsed by the eminent authority of the great house of Stanley Gibbons, Limited. The principle point made against these stamps was—why surcharge *an increased value* instead of using two or more low value stamps to make up the required amount. This is explained by the small supply of stamps, of any value, obtainable. *Ewen's W. S. News* maintains that the issue was entirely unnecessary, as letters arriving from Mafeking during the siege would have been delivered free of charge in any part of England, whether stamped or unstamped and it considers the stamps as merely patriotic labels commemorative of the gallant defence of the beleaguered town, intimating that they did not really frank the letters despatched by native runners through the Boer lines. It seems to us that if the stamps represent the charge made by the military authorities, for despatching private letters along with despatches conveyed by runners employed by military authority, it is immaterial whether the charge was sufficient to pay the cost of the runner or not. The stamp indicated that the charge, whatever it was, had been prepaid and that is all that is necessary to constitute them veritable *bona fide*, postage stamps. Whether it was absolutely necessary that such prepayment should be indicated by stamps, has "nothing to do with the case." That could be said about any postage stamp, and we might go back to the system of prepaying every letter over the counter, but think of the inconvenience. Without guaranteeing their authenticity the complete set of these stamps so far as known is as follows :

I. Surcharged on Cape stamps —

1. 1d on ½d green 1897, (Scott 52)
2. 1d on ½d green 1898, (" 57)
3. 3d on 1d red 1893, (" 53)
4. 6d on 3d violet rose 1898, (" 59)
5. 1/- on 4d olive 1898, (" 60)

II. Surcharged on British Bechuanaland stamps —

6. 6d on 3d lilac 1887, (Scott 13)
7. 1/- on 4d brown & green '91 (" 35)
8. 1/- on 6d red, '91, small type (" 36)
9. 2/- on 1/ green '94, " (" 37)

III. Surcharged on Bechuanaland Protectorate Stamps —

10. 1d on ½d vermilion 1898, (Scott 1)
11. 3d on 1d lilac 1898, (" 2)
12. 3d on 1d lilac, '98, small type (" 2)
13. 6d on 2d green & red 1898, (" 3)
14. 6d on 2d gr., r. '98, sm. type (" 3)
15. 6d on 3d yellow 1898, (" 3a)
16. 1/- on 6d red 1898, (" 5)

IV. Stamps for delivery within the lines of investment.

17. Boy on bicycle 1d light blue.
18. Portrait Baden-Powell (small head) 3d blue on blue (shades) pf 12
19. " Baden-Powell (large head) 3d blue on blue (shades) pf 12

It will be noticed that to make No. 15 a stamp has been used, the existence of which has been doubted, certainly none have heretofore been procurable either used or unused.

CEYLON. — (*New 6c envelopes*). Last February we listed a series of 6c post and letter cards which have since come into use together with an envelope impressed with a 6c stamp in brown on white of the same type (Scott E 10).

CHILI. — (*New envelope*). We illustrate the 5c envelope stamp chronicled last month.

CRETE--(*Rumored Unpaid letter stamps.*) A French contemporary states that a set of eight unpaid letter stamps : 1, 5, 10, 20, 40, 50 lepta, 1 and 2 drachmae, have been ordered from England. The design to consist of a post horn, with figure of value in its centre, surmounted by the crown of the reigning prince. This design and the color—a bright red—to be common to all values.

COLUMBIA.—(*1c Revolutionary Government.*) We notice by the Press despatches that after a sanguinary battle the revolutionary army has been finally defeated and suppressed, before this event however a stamp of another value 1c black on green had been put in circulation. The other values of this set 5, 10 and 20c, are reported by *Mekeel's Weekly* with the name of the commander of the revolutionary forces surcharged with a hand stamp.

FERNANDO PO.—[*Provisional 5 & 50c.*] *Mekeel's Weekly* reports on the authority of a German contemporary 5 and 50 centavos surcharged on the current 20c maroon. (Scott 58).

FRENCH CONGO—[*Corrected list of colors.*] There is a universal note of condemnation heard in regard to the execution and colors of the new stamps, that were heralded with such gusto and which it was promised were to rival the pretty pictures of the Congo Free State set The designs and watermarks are as given in our June number but the colors do not correspond, we therefore give a corrected list.

1c claret & pale brown	30c rose red and yellow
2c brown and yellow	40c brown & pale green
4c vermilion and grey	50c violet and lilac
5c green and pale green	75c claret and orange
10c red and pale red	1 fr grey and olive
15c lilac and olive green	2 fr carmine and brown
20c green and orange	5 fr orange and grey
25c blue and pale blue	

The colors are difficult shades to describe and no two reports that we have seen agree on the color-names. The stamps are perforated 11.

GERMANY. —[*New 2 pf. cards. The 2 mks stamps.*] A post card of the 2 pf. Germania type. slate on greenish blue single and reply is reported. The new 2 marks stamp in steel blue is now in use, it reproduces Von Werner's painting representing allegorically the union of the Northern and Southern German tribes. In order to prevent clipping off and joining together for fraudulent use, uncancelled portions of these large sized stamps, the

German post office clerks are instructed to cancel them at both ends, and in consequence all used specimens are heavily obliterated with two and even three post marks.

GREAT BRITAIN.—[*1sh. change of color.*] The new bi-colored shilling carmine and green is now in use, having been issued July 11th, water marked crown, as before.

GUATEMALA.—[*10c. in new color.*] From our Guatemala correspondent Mr. Fleischhauer we have received the new 10c in a greyish brown, not grey as reported in an advance notice last month. The others of the set, except the 5c come, in shades of the colors as there listed.

HONG KONG.—[*Adoption of U. P. U. colors. New cards.*] As all British Colonies have been requested to conform to the colors adopted by the U. P. U. without further delay, we may expect quite a few changes soon; Hong Kong has just issued its 2c in green and 10c in blue and the 4c in rose may be looked for we presume. The following post cards are also announced in changed colors.

2c green	5c lilac
4c carmine	10c blue

The old 3c. reply cards after being separated and surcharged for use as single 4c cards, now come entire surcharged 4c reply cards.

INDIA.—[*Reported changes of colors.*] The *Phil. Journal of India* now states that the stock of the 2 a. 6 p is not so large as was surmised, and that that value as well as the others in changed colors may be expected before the end of the year.

NEW ZEALAND.—[*Colonial printing, Watermarks, etc.*] Envelopes, of white wove paper, were put in circulation, according to the *Australian Philatelist*, on March 20th impressed with ½d, 1d and 2d stamps from the new, re-engraved dies, in the same colors as the adhesives of those values viz: green, carmine and purple. We have not yet seen these envelopes, but according to reports, they are very poorly printed. From Mr. H. Bolitho of Auckland, we have received specimens of the colonial print of the 6d adhesive in its new color, a pretty shade of rose pink, perforated 11. It is of the same design and size as the 1898 6d green, but unlike other recently issued colonial prints, comes on unwatermarked paper, of a thick heavy texture, yellowish in shade. It is stated that the watermarked paper was not made in sheets of sufficient size to print from the plates as originally made, hence the modified size of the ½d, 1d, 2d and 4d. It is probable that a future printing of the 6d. will also come on the watermarked paper when made in large sheets, and the present printing will in that eventuality become scarce; the same may be said for the colonial print 6d green and any others that may have appeared on the unwatermarked paper. Collectors interested in watermarks will notice that the "N. Z. and Star" in the new stamps are in double line instead of single as in the old issue of 1882, and it appears that this paper has been used to print the temporary supplies of the old type that were required and printed pending the issue of the colonial print of the pictorial set. Readers who have followed our Australian news, will recollect, that we reported in January, that not having a supply of the proper ink to print the pictorial stamps in the colony, the low value stamps of the old type would be re-issued. Some if not all of these re-issues are on the new paper, they will doubtless, be much sought after by collectors of varieties. Only the ½d and 2d have so far been noticed, but other values on the double-lined watermark paper may be in existence.

The latest arrivals, by mail to hand since the above was written are specimens of the ½d in a darker shade of green than that listed in May and the announcement of the 3d yellow brown, Colonial point, re-engraved, perforated 11, on watermarked paper. The 1 shilling is also announced in red and the 5 sh. in vermilion unwatermarked, completing the set of Colonial prints, unfortunately our correspondent has omitted to enclose specimens. We announced the Colonial printing of the 2½d, 4d, 5d, and 2sh last Dec, and during the month of March we received from Wilcox Smith & Co., of Dunedin the 3d brown, 6d green, 8d blue and 9d violet all unwatermarked and perforated 11, but by some oversight we omitted to announce them at the time.

NORTHERN NIGERIA.—(*New 10 shilling stamp*). The 10d stamp listed in June should read 10 shillings green and brown. There is no stamp of the value of 10 pence.

NORTH BORNEO and LABUAN. (*Speculative issues?*) It is stated that the 4c stamps, reported as issued for these

countries by us last January, have never been in use, but are merely supplied cancelled or uncancelled from the Company's office in London, and that the 4c carmine and black listed last month is the only stamp of the monkey type that will be supplied to post offices. It is undeniable that stamps of all denominations are sold cancelled to order in sheets, with original gum intact, at the London office of the British North Borneo Co., in fact nearly all the cancelled specimens in the market are of this class. The *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly* has started an investigation which may result in placing the entire issues of these countries in the speculative class. Present appearances seem to indicate that that is where they belong. The *Era* reports a 5c orange and black surcharged "Postage due" *vertically*. And there is no reason why we may not be inflicted with surcharges in every possible shape and posture, if this enterprising company continues to find stamp collectors gullible enough to purchase its wares.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.—[*Minor varieties.*] Our English contemporaries chronicle quite a formidable list of the "V.R.I." surcharges. Three different "settings" of the surcharge are reported, comprising quite a number of misplaced points, wrong case letters and other printer's errors. As these varieties are of minor importance, we do not think it necessary to take space to list them in detail.

RUSSIAN LEVANT.—[*Surchargedcards.*] Several of our contemporaries supplement the list of adhesives given last month, by 4 kop single and reply cards surcharged 20 paras, and 10 kop letter cards surcharged 1 piastre.

SALVADOR.—[*Surcharges*] *Mekeel's W. S. News* reports the issue of the following surcharged stamps "1900-3 centavo," on the 12c green of 1899, "1900-2 centavo" on the 13c brown red of 1898 and "1900-1 centavo" on the 13c lake of 1899. The 2c of 1899 has been issued for some time with the surcharge "1900-1 centavo" and it has been stated that the unpaid letter set of 1899 has been surcharged "1900" for use during the current year. The surcharges on these stamps are less interesting and more confusing than the old time Seebecks. Just as we go to press comes the 5c on 26c carmine rose.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—[*½d and 2d O. S.*] The new ½d green (G. P. O. Adelaide) and the 2d violet now have the "O.S." surcharge in tall thin type.

SWITZERLAND.—[*Commemorative set.*] While our July number was in press we received from Mr. Doeniker specimens of the commemorative issue reported in that number. We illustrate the design common to the three values, we presume the scared looking female in gauzy apparel, clinging to the *top* of a telegraph pole, represents Miss Helvetia, but why she has clambered into this uncomfortable position to scatter her bundle of letters is not explained. The values and colors are 5c green, 10c carmine rose, and 25c blue and post cards with an enlarged copy of the same picture on the left side 5c green and 10c red. Used copies of the cards have been kindly supplied by Mr. Huguenin. The stamps are printed on paper watermarked twice to each stamp "cross in oval" and are perforated, 11½.

TRANSVAAL.—[*Surcharges.*] *Ewen's Weekly* reports the issue of the full set of South African Republic ½d to 10 shillings surcharged, horizontally in the centre "V. R. I." From a correspondent at Pretoria we have received the ordinary S. Af. Rep. ½d green post card, *unsurcharged*, but with an additional ½ vermilion Great Britain, to make up the 1d rate, postmarked "Field Post office, June 10," which proves that the post office accepted the Boer cards without the "V. R. I." over print. Correspondence of a later date giving full details of the issue, will be found in another column.

TASMANIA. [*New letter card.*] A new letter card has appeared impressed with the recently issued 2d stamp, view of Hobart, in purple on blue card. The reverse side is utilized to advertise a celebrated fishing resort in the colony.

VENEZUELA.—[*Change of colors.*] In our April number we reported the prospective issue of a new set ordered by a decree dated Jan. 15th. The authorities are not waiting for the new designs, which were to be made by the American Bank Note Co., but are having stamps printed from the old plates in the colors ordered by the decree mentioned. They have begun with the high value "Instrucciones"; the 3 bolivares now coming in brown, the 10 b in red, and the 20 b in violet, all surcharged "1900" in black.

AN UNPLEASANT INCIDENT.

An action for damages has within the past few days been taken out in the Superior Court at the instance of Mr. C. A, Needham against Mr. A. R. Magill for a libel published in the *Weekly Era*, reflecting upon Mr. Needham's financial standing. We learn from the plaintiff's solicitors, that the affair has been settled by Mr. Magill paying a nominal amount of damages, the costs of the action and making a complete retraction of his statements with an apology to Mr. Needham. The *Era* has also apologized and we trust everything is now settled.

We hope this young man will profit by this unpleasant incident, and be more careful to investigate the rumors he may hear in future before publishing gossip as news. To publish one's portrait in the papers together with a romantic biography, to be eulogized as a bright specimen of a philatelic journalist, may be flattering to youthful vanity, but it will not make a journalist of the object of this fulsome adulation, but rather tend to make him the laughing stock of all sensible men.

We have criticized news items coming from this source on various occasions, thereby incurring the wrath of the young gentleman referred to and his admirers who have thereupon made us the object of several spiteful attacks in the columns of the *Era* and elsewhere. It is surprising to us that a paper of the standing of the *Era* would have published such stuff, knowing as it did that its Montreal correspondent was but an amateur reporter, without journalistic training, deficient in judgement and utterly incapable of separating street gossip from authentic fact. It has certainly injured its reputation amongst Canadian philatelists, by the character of its Montreal news, and it has now to suffer the humiliation of making a retraction and apology to a well known stamp dealer whom it has slandered.

One of the painful incidents of this affair, is the fact, that for the past six weeks, Mr Needham has been obliged to neglect his business interests watching beside the bedside of his sick wife, whose life has been dispaired of, but who thanks to his devoted attention is now, we are happy to say, convalescent. We hope soon to hear of her complete recovery, and of Mr. Needham's return to business.

NOTES FROM THE TRANSVAAL

By our special correspondent with the Canadian troops.

Pretoria, June 29th 1900.

On June 5th, after a short and sharp scrap we entered Pretoria, the supposed invincible fortress, the Capital of the S. A. R.

On June 12th, the Imperial Government issued to the public the Transvaal stamps, surcharged V. R. I. in black ink. The denominations issued were :

½d green		3d violet and green	
1d rose & green		4d olive	"
2d brown	"	6d violet	"
2½d blue	"	1 - bistre.	"

A tremendous rush ensued, officers, men and civilians endeavoring to secure them. A cancelling stamp and pad were on the counter, and those who cared to cancel their stamps could do so. As soon as it was known that a large stock was on hand, the rush ceased. Ten shillings worth is the largest amount sold at a time.

Next day there were issued :

2sh 6d	violet and green
5sh	blue
10sh	red brown.

The quantity of these surcharges is said to be fairly large.

A large trade in stamps and coins is done here. Nearly every shop has stamps on sale. The prices as a rule, are about six to ten times catalogue, regardless of condition. The £5 stamp old issue sells for £2 postally used.

The 1d commemorative sells for 1sh each new or used. 5 varieties current used 2sh 6d. 5 varieties old issue, used 5sh

In coins the pennies, crowns and 1892 gold are bringing high prices.

I would caution collectors against paying fancy prices for S. A. R. stamps, alleged to have been used in Dundee, Elandslaagte and Glencoe, Natal. The first day I arrived here I went to the P.O. to see what could be had, and the P. M. showed me a nice lot of S. A. R. various issues, all pasted on a sheet of paper and cancelled Dundee. He then produced the cancelling stamps and offered to cancel a set on envelopes for 3sh 6d the set, the stamps costing extra of course.

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Editorial.

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THE ALBUM DIFFICULTY.

Ever since stamp collecting became a popular hobby the question of albums has been discussed. If we consult our libraries we find in the correspondence columns of the journals of 1866-67 and to a lesser extent at an even earlier date, innumerable communications on the subject. Those of us who have been collectors from the early days will remember what a burning topic of discussion this has ever been. The publishers of albums settled the matter to their own satisfaction by adopting the alphabetical plan with its constant re-arrangement for new issues, and the consequent necessity of ever recurring new editions, which no doubt was a very profitable arrangement to the Album maker. Stamp collectors, that is the great majority of them who are not students, have ever been content to accept things as they found them, to adopt the follow-my-leader style of collecting, and consequently no serious effort has ever been made, to change for something of a more scientific nature, this alphabetical arrangement, by which many of the benefits of collecting are obscured or altogether lost sight of. The more advanced collectors collect in blank albums, adopting an arrangement to suit their individual tastes, but those who have not the time nor the inclination to make a collection in accordance with their own ideas, have been forced to accept the album maker's dictum, with the result that losing much of the charm arising from the scientific study of stamps, far too many drop off one by one from our ranks, which if it were not for the constant army of new recruits would long since have been decimated. The new comer purchases the latest edition of some album and starts to fill its pages hap hazard, till convinced of the enormity of the task before him and the hoplessness of ever making a fair showing in his printed book, he either discards stamp collecting in disgust, or becomes a specialist, confining himself to some two or three countries of his predilection.

The Album maker, however, in now face to face with a difficulty that has been foreseen years ago by old time philatelists. The albums are getting too large, and consequently too expensive. Their bulk and expense frightens off the new begin-

ner and if the income from recruits ceases, what is to become of the album trade.

In the *American Journal of Philately*, the Scott Stamp Co., who are the principle album publishers in America, make the announcement that in order to cut down the bulk of their work—*The International Album*—they intend to eliminate from the 1900 edition all envelopes and wrappers except those of the U. S. Why this distinction is made is not clear as U. S. envelopes take up about as much space as the envelopes of all other countries combined. It is a course that has no scientific *raison d'être*, it follows no principle, except that of convenience and the hope to maintain a demand for printed albums arranged in the absurd alphabetical order. We are not far wrong when we say that not one page in fifty of these albums will ever be filled and that not one page in ten will ever be graced with more than one or two stamps, and a great many of the pages will always remain in their primitive state of blankness. Yet to purchase one of these bulky books, in ordinary cloth binding, costs enough for the beginner to invest in quite a large and respectable assortment of stamps, which would do as much to chain his interest to philately, as a bulky volume of blank pages, will sooner or later tend to disgust him.

We want to keep our recruits, not dishearten them and drive them away, but how is this to be done? The answer is simple. Encourage them to collect on scientific lines, and thus interest them in the study of stamps.

Our readers well know our views on scientific philately. It is not the study of minor varieties, watermarks, paper and perforations All these have their uses, as they are subordinate to the end in view ; but we insist again and again, that the chronological and historical aspect of stamps, is what gives them a position deserving of the attention of serious men and women. The Scott Co., by hinting at the possible future publication of an album, arranged by dates of issue, is beginning to see where their true interests lie. When we have such an album and catalogue in popular use, arranged in small volumes by dates of issue the future stability of philately commercially as well as scientifically, is assured.

Our own private chronological catalogue has been in manuscript for years and in this journal we hope soon to begin its publication for the benefit of our fellow students, and the futherance of our glorious cause.

OUR CRITICS.

Our friend the *Adhesive* at last ventures from its covert, to make a positive statement ; but alas for its worked up courage ! It has only led its editor into another blunder. Its "brilliant six" have blundered on philately, its editor-in-chief has blundered on grammar and now blunders on Spanish translation and geographical spelling. If the porous plaster only sticks long enough it may succeed in upsetting all the sciences. It states in its July number that our translation of the Spanish words "Republica de Colombia" is wrong because the word "Colombia" is spelt with an "o" on the stamps of that country ! Oh learned sage ! Why do you not write "Argentina" for "Argentine", "Chile" for "Chili", "Belgique" for "Belgium", "Bayern" for "Bavaria", "Sverige" for "Sweden", etc., etc., etc. ? And tell us, oh tell us from the profound depths of thy mystic lore how we benighted philatelists ought to write "Punch" after the fashion of its stamps !

We are well aware that in the United States, invariably, and to a great extent in Great Britain and the colonies, the Spanish spelling "Colombia" is retained when naming the South American Republic, but does the *Adhesive* know the reason why ? If not, it would do no harm for its editor to find out and instruct his readers, instead of treating them to the ridiculous idea, that it is spelt that way

because it is so on the stamps. If he is unsuccessful in ascertaining the reason, we shall be glad to enlighten him. Meanwhile "Columbia" is good English and perfectly correct, the *Adhesive* to the contrary notwithstanding.

The *Adhesive* also accuses us of intending "a thrust" at its editor, because we gave a truthful and correct answer to a correspondent from Hartford who wrote us for information ; at the time we penned this answer we were not aware that the aforesaid editor had ever expressed an opinion on the subject under discussion, if he did it is not surprising that some Hartford friend overhearing his blunders should write to us for the facts, knowing they would be given correctly. The same paper, in language that is not parliamentary, attributes to us knowledge which we altogether disown ; we do not know if that paper possesses one or a dozen editors, in fact we are completely ignorant of how its editorial department is conducted, and as it is not our business we dont care. We are glad to see that it now admits it has *no* philatelic editor, we thought as much, when we said it lacked one, and as usual we were correct. We would be sorry for the philatelist, that in the capacity of editor would father the blunders of the *Adhesive*.

NOTES FROM COOK ISLANDS.

By Ralph W. Gosset.

Rarotonga, C. I.

A great change is likely to be wrought in this place soon, in connection with the Postal affairs.

A week or two ago the New Zealand Government Steamer "*Tutanekai*" arrived having on board the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P. C. LLD. etc. Premier of New Zealand ; while he was here he advocated many changes and reforms, which, when accomplished will mean much difference in the prosperity of the place. One of the chief things he did was to inaugurate a Postal Convention between this Federation and New Zealand, and authorised Lieut. Colonel W. E. Gudgeon the British Resident to sign same, the following is the authorising Gazette, viz :—

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WE, the undersigned Arikis of the Cook Islands, hereby AUTHORISE the British Resident, LIEUT. COL. W. E. GUDGEON, to sign the CONVENTION between the COLONIES of the COOK ISLANDS and NEW ZEALAND concerning the exchange of MONEY ORDERS as our Agent.

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Vice Chief of the Federal Government.
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NGAMARU "
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KAINUKU "
Approved, W. E. GUDGEON,
British Resident.

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The outcome of the signing of the Convention will mean not only the establishment of a system of Exchange of money orders and a post office savings bank, the same as they have at present in New Zealand, but in all probability will mean far more important changes, in a direct line with the postal service. It must be remembered that the "Postal Union Colors" are not yet observed in the ½d, 1d and 2½d values, and if their colors are changed to bring them into line, it will of course mean changes of color in some of the other denominations.

All the letters that have lately passed through the Post Office here from Sydney N. S. W. ; although bearing the full amount of postage, ordinarily required, have been taxed 5d in the chief Post Office Sydney N. S. W., before leaving that colony. I can see no apparent cause for this action on the part of the Sydney postal authorities. The only reason I presume they have been thus taxed, is on account of the "*Bubonic Plague*" at present ravaging that city. These extra charges may be for "*Fumigation*", or some other such thing.

THE MAFEKING SIEGE STAMPS.

The following interesting account of the Mafeking Siege Stamps is posted in the window of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, where all the nineteen stamps which were issued are also on view :—

"We have received a visit from Mr. E. J. Ross, of the firm of Messrs. Aldred and Ross, general merchants, of Mafeking, who brought with him a complete set of all the stamps made and used during the memorable siege, the set being signed by Lord Edward Cecil, chief staff officer, as a guarantee of their genuineness. The necessity for over-printing the stamps, which were in the hands of the Post Master, has been questioned by the incredulous, but after hearing all that Mr. Ross has to say on the matter, which opinion has been confirmed from other sources, all doubts are completely set at rest.

"It appears that Mafeking was formerly, for Postal purposes, in British Bechuanaland, but some four or five years ago, was transferred to the Cape of Good Hope, and at the time of the siege, the post office possessed various odd stamps, not only of the Cape Colony, but of two or three issues of British Bechuanaland and British Protectorate.

"The total face value of the stamps in the Post Office did not exceed about £350. The desire to communicate with the outside world was not confined to the military authorities for their own despatches, but all the inhabitants and civilians were as eager as possible to get letters to their friends and relations. The only method available was, of course, by means of native runners, who were paid as much as £25 to undertake the risk of running the gauntlet of the ever alert enemy. Two or three of these runners were despatched South, endeavouring to get round Kimberley and so to our forces, but the great bulk of them were sent up North towards Colonel Plumer's column, and letters that got through were forwarded *via* Salisbury and Beira to their destination. These runners concealed letters, written on thin paper, not only about their clothing, but also even in the soles of their boots, which were manufactured and made hollow on purpose, no bags being allowed to be carried, as they would have impeded their progress. Unfortunately, as was found out later on, a number of the runners were caught and killed, and in some cases despatches, such as those from Lady Sarah Wilson to the *Daily Mail*, were found afterwards, but with the postage stamps removed by the "slim" Boer.

"In order to pay for this postal service, it was found necessary to practically double the ordinary rates, and the military authorities bought up all the stamps in the Post Office, and handed them to the printer of the *Mafeking Mail* to overprint with higher denominations. Letters that were then written were taken to the Post Office, and the military postal officials stamped them with various denominations according to the weight or bulk of the letters. No stamps were sold to the public, and no person was allowed to send more than two, or at the most three letters by any one runner.

"In addition to the ordinary stamps, for the purpose above named, it was found necessary to make stamps for use within the lines, and a local post was organized with special stamps. These consisted of two kinds :—

"*First.*—A boy on a bicycle, inscribed, 'V.R., Siege of Mafeking' in a scroll above, and "Local Post 1d." below. The boy on the bicycle is Sergeant Major Goodyear, of the Cadet Corps, which was created to do duty as orderlies and messengers.

"*Second.* — A front-faced portrait of Colonel Baden-Powell inscribed 'Mafeking. 1900, Siege,' in a scroll above, and 'Postage 3d.' in a scroll below.

"Both stamps were produced by a Mr. Taylor by means of the ferro-prussiate process, on paper specially made and manufactured during the siege. The portrait type consisting of two varieties, differing only in size to the ordinary stamp, were made in blocks of 12, and are blue on blue, differing much in color, and are perforated 12. Of no single stamp overprinted were there more than 1,000, and of some of them not more than 30 copies, being on old varieties, of which only a few remained in the Mafeking Post Office.

"It is satisfactory to know that the "printers' formes" for over-printing have all been broken up, and the negatives and dies of the local stamps destroyed."

Mr. Chs. Baillard Girard, of Switzerland, has sent the publisher, some beautiful samples of view-cards. These cards are printed in water colors, and are well worth having Mr. Girard's ad. will be found in this number.

NOTES FROM SOUTH AFRICA

BY H. RUDD

Oudtshoorn, C.G.H. July 16th, 1900.

The Transvaal stamps have been surcharged V.R.I. in black. They differ from the O.F.S. "V.R.I." by not having the face value surcharged.

During the occupation of Dundee. Natal by the Boers, Transvaal stamps were used and were obliterated with the Dundee Post Office date stamp. There are two varieties of date stamp. Very few of these stamps are obtainable on the whole of the original envelope. A gentleman who showed me specimens of them told me he was taken prisoner by the Boers and in order to save his stamps he cut them off the envelopes and put them in the lining of his coat.

The new issue Cape stamp (view of Table Bay) caused great indignation among the loyal people of this colony on account of it not bearing, especially at this time, the likeness of the Queen.

Besides the "V.R.I." issue of the Orange River Colony, English and Cape of Good Hope stamps are now used there.

The annual meeting of the Capetown Philatelic Society took place in Capetown on July 9th, Mr Sydney Cowper occupying the chair. The following exhibits were on view Mr Bell collection of Spanish stamps. Mr Gorges collection of Cape triangles including numerous wood blocks, sets of Mafeking and V. R. I. stamps were also on view.

I have seen several Transvaal stamps surcharged V. R. with an india rubber hand stamp. It is done with purple colored ink.

The Mafeking Siege stamps have gone down considerably in price. It is probable they will not be so valuable as at first anticipated.

Stamp collecting is becoming a great craze in Cape Colony now, on account of the many new issues that have lately appeared.

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2nd. Chas. F. Frey, Ottawa, Ohio. This Mr Frey is the Secretary-Treasurer of The Philatelic Literature Society. Its President Mr A. G. Allison to whom we reported the case fails to answer our letters. This looks bad for the Society.

3rd. Hy. F. Snow, St. Johns, Newf'd. Several complaints have been received, that money had been sent to him, but he failed to fill orders. This case is being looked into by responsible parties in St. Johns' and proper steps will be taken as soon as we hear from our attorneys.

4th. L. H. Reed of Flagler, Iowa. Many complaints have been received against this party. The case is now under careful investigation, and all those who have sent money to him or to any of the others mentioned above without getting proper returns are specially requested to send us a statement of such transactions and the matter will be placed in the P.O. Inspectors' hands. Publishers are requested in the interests of their readers, to give full publicity to the above.

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Orange River Colony (late Orange Free State) and **Transvaal** (late South African Republic) have been rewritten and brought up to date, and removed from the body of this volume and placed at the end as a SUPPLEMENT to PART I., BRITISH EMPIRE, to which volume it will be transferred in the next edition.

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WHY CERTAINLY

We have still hundreds of bargains for dealers. Last month we advertised the 1 and 2 marks German stamps at a "giving away" price. We were overrun with orders and are sorry to say we had to disappoint several who sent for these stamps. This month we offer several good things at very low prices.

China 1898 2c scarlet - - - - -	12c	per 10
Straits Settlements 1899 4 on 5c - - -	35c	10
" " 1892 1 on 8c *orange* - -	25c	10
" " Perak 3c - - - - -	12c	10
Barbados Jubilee 1p - - - - -	12c	10
Malta ½ and 1p - - - - - -	12c	10
Persia 1885 5 sh. - - - - - -	15c	10
1889 5 sh. - - - - - -	10c	10
1891 5 sh. - - - - - -	10c	10
1894 8 sh. - - - - - -	20c	10
1894 10 sh. - - - - - -	20c	10
1898 1 sh. - - - - - -	10c	10
South Australia 1899 1p - - - - -	6c	10
2p - - - - -	6c	10

Hereafter our advertisements will appear on pages I and II. Our front cover contract expires with this number and the publisher of the M. P. wishes to divide this desirable position amongst several dealers instead of selling it to one. Before giving up this page, we feel obliged to say that cash results from it have been most satisfactory, in fact in proportion to cost we have never had an advertising contract in any paper that paid as well. We wish to thank all those who have patronized us within the past year and hope they will continue to favor us with their orders. We shall now use Page I and II and shall try to make these pages interesting to stamp buyers *A Reminder*. We want a few more, good Agents to handle our books and sheets on commission. Our stamps are fast sellers and our Agents are coining money. Send for a selection to-day giving references. We have stamps from 1c to $500.00 at big discounts.

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½c black	25	25
c orange	2	1
2c green	5	2
3c bright rose	5	1
5c deep blue	8	5
6c rich brown	30	30
8c violet	15	15
10c brown violet	15	15
15c steel blue	23	20
20c vermilion	30	20
50c ultramarine	60	
$1 00 red	1 25	
2 00 dark purple	2 25	
3 00 yellow brown	3 25	
4 00 purple	4 25	
5 00 olive	5 25	

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Canada 1893 50c, cat 50c	18
" 1897 50c Jubilee	20
" 1897 Maple Leafsets ½c to 10c	25
" 1898 Numerals " "	18
" 1897 Jubilee ½c and 6c new	40
Rhodesia 1896 4d used	12
" " 6d "	12
" 1898 6d "	12
Russia 1889 1 Rouble used	15
Netherlands 1 Gul. 1898 Coronation used	18
U. S. Omaha 50c	25
Fiji Islands 1893, 1d and 2d	06
" official wrapper used	15
Grenada unpaid 1d, 2d, 3d used	20
" " 1d on 6d, 2d on 6d	1.00
" 1891 1d on 8d, 2½d on 8d new	25

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½d orange	.06c.	.08c
1d purple	.10	.12
2d "	.30	.36
2½d blue very rare	$2.50	
3d "	.30	.44
4d " now obsolete	80	.90
6d "	.66	.72
6d rose very rare	4.00	
1sh brown	1 25	1.50
5sh green very rare	4.50	6.00

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	each.
Black on yellow. Used on British Territory	$3.00

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Small stamp, 3d blue	$10.00 each
Large stamp, 3d blue of very highest rarity	$30.00 "

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1d blue	$ 6.25 "

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	each
3d on 1d red, Cape of G. Hope	$ 5 00
1d on ½d green, " "	4 00
6d on 2d green, Bechuanaland. Protectorate	9 50
1sh on 4d brown, " "	12 50
3d on 1d lilac, " "	7 50
6d on 3d lilac, 1887 issue of British Bechuanaland	10 00
6d on 3d yellow, Bechuanaland Protectorate. One of the rarest of the set	40 00
6d on 3d Cape of G. Hope a rarity	20 00

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There are very few Europeans, of more recent issues that are worth much. There are some, but they are not usually put in packets. We do however. Our packet of 75 varieties European stamps for 25 cents, is a great favorite even amongst *dealers*. It's of such wonderful value you can make a dollar or two on it. It contains stamps from Finland, Greece, Bulgaria, Servia, Turkey, etc. Try this one.

Now, we have had our say till October, in the meantime we want your orders, if you are not one of our customers, we shall be pleased to make your acquaintance. Postage is 2c extra on orders *under* 50c.

WHAT YOU WANT, AND THE RIGHT PRICES FOR THEM

New Issues and Novelties.

*Cape G. H. 1900 1p view of Cape-town	03
Jamaica 1900 1p	03
Tasmania 1900 1d 2d	04
U. S. "Omaha" 50c	25
U. S. " $1	65
*Arg. Republic 1900 1, 2 5	09
Hayti 98-99 3 vars	05
Guatemala 1900 1 on 10 centavos	03
Netherland 1899, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 15, 20, 22½ 25	12
Hungary, 1900, 4 vars.	03
Germany 1900, 30, 40 80 pf	05
" 1 mark	03
" 2 "	04
" 3 "	08

* means unused.

Old and recent issues.

Switzerland, 1850, 5 rap	10
" 10 "	10
" 1852 15 "	12
" 1882-99 2c to 3 fr., 16 var	15
" Unpaid 1884 1c to 500c	12
" " 1878, 1, 2, 3, 10c	08
China 24 can.	20
Nova Scotia 10 cents	1.00
Sierra Leone 1896 ½, 1, 2½, 3d	12
South Aust. 1, 1, 2, 2, 2½, 4, 5d	10
Straits Settlements 3 varieties	05
" " 5 "	10
Perak 3 "	05

CANADA REVENUES CHEAP.

1st Issue Bill stamps 1c to 6c	10
" " " 1c to 10c	30
" " " 1c to 50c	60
" " " 1c to 100	80
2nd issue " " 1c to 10c	65
" " " 1c to 50c	85
" including 30c red error	1.10
" " " 1c to 1.00	1.30
$1 green center	30
3rd issue bill 1c to $1, 16 varieties	18
Quebec Law stamps 1869 10c to $1	35
" " 10c to $5	80
Quebec Registration 5, 15 & 30c red	50
" " 5, 15 & 30c green	15
" " 5, 15, 30 & 50c "	35
Gas Inspect. 3 vars.	05
" " 25, 50c $1, $1.50 $2	18

CANADA REVENUE PACKETS

10 varieties.	05
15 "	10
25 "	25
40 "	50
60 "	1.00

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BRITISH COLONIES

4 Barbados 1892
3 " Jubilee
3 Bermuda
3 British Guiana
3 " " Jubilee
15 Canada
3 " Jubilee
5 " 1897 Maple Leaf
6 " 98-99 numerals
2 " Surch'd 2 on 3c
3 " Xmas 2c
3 " Envelopes
10 " Revenues
5 Cape of Good Hope
4 Ceylon
2 Cyprus
2 Fiji
3 Gibraltar
2 " Morocco Agencies
3 Grenada
3 Gold Coast
4 Hong Kong
10 India
5 " H. M. S.
4 " Native States
5 Jamaica
3 Leeward Islands
4 Mauritius
4 Natal
2 New Brunswick
4 Newfoundland
7 New So Wales
5 New Zealand
8 Queensland
3 St. Lucia
2 St. Vincent
3 Sierra Leone
5 South Australia
4 " O. S.
3 Straits Settlements
3 " Perak
4 Tasmania
5 Trinidad
8 Victoria
3 Western Australia.

EUROPEAN

12 Austria
4 " unpaid
4 " Levant
4 Austrian Italy
10 Bavarian
10 Belgium
4 Bosnia
5 Bulgaria
6 Denmark
6 Finland
3 France Empire
10 France Republic
5 French Colonies, new
5 French Colonies, used
2 French P.O. in Morocco
12 Germany
6 " 1900
5 Greece
10 Hungary, incl 1900
10 Italy
5 Luxemburg
4 Montenegro
12 Netherlands
6 " 1899
6 Norway
7 Portugal
8 Roumania
8 Russia
10 Spain
10 Sweden
9 Switzerland
6 " 1862-78
3 " 1900
3 " unpaid 1878
3 " " 1884
5 Turkey
3 " Newspaper
8 Wurtemberg.

OTHER COUNTRIES

7 Dutch Indies
6 Egypt
3 Hawaii
10 Japan
3 Orange Free State
3 Persia 1891
3 " 1894
3 " 1898
3 Transvaal
4 Tunis
7 Argentine
3 Bolivia
6 Brazil
4 Columbia
4 Costa Rica
3 Cuba 1871-78
3 " 1879
3 Cuba 1881
8 Cuba
3 Curacao
5 Ecuador
4 Guatemala
4 Guadeloupe
3 Haiti
3 Honduras
10 Mexico
4 Peru
3 Salvador
3 Uruguay
4 Venezuela
4 Porto Rico 1894
3 " " 1896
3 " " 1898
3 " " 1898-99.

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NEWS OF THE MONTH.

The list of new issues is somewhat meagre this month, the most important item, being the fore-runners of the beautiful artistic set in preparation for the Kingdom of Greece. We anticipate ere our October number appears, that the complete series will have been issued, and we hope to be able to illustrate it in that number. The first philatelic indication of war in China is the announcement of a specially surcharged set for the use of the British Indian troops in the field. War stamps from Africa are still absorbing the greater part of the space in the columns of our English contemporaries, the discussion as to the status of the Mafeking locals is still on. From evidence so far to hand it begins to look as if the issue was a speculation pure and simple. We reproduce an article from *Ewen's Weekly* on the subject. Our English contemporaries evidently know a good thing when they see it, besides *Ewen's Weekly* the *Ph. Journal of G.B.* and the *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly*, reproduce and favorably comment on much of the matter that has appeared in our columns, some of the Continental papers have also taken the trouble to translate our articles. All this is most gratifying to our editorial staff, and gives to each member thereof an increased zest to produce only such items as shall be worthy of reproduction. The MONTREAL PHILATELIST is the only American paper that is quoted to any extent by the European authorities, and its articles reprinted; congratulatory letters are showered in upon us by every mail; to one and all of our kind friends we tender our heartfelt thanks. We sincerely reciprocate their kind wishes and promise to endeavor to maintain the position we occupy as a stamp paper, conducted on journalistic principles, by a staff of philatelic experts. As officia organ of the League of Canadian Philatelists we represent a body second to none in the stamp world, many of the members of the League being scientific collectors known the world over. We have their honor and credit to maintain as well as our own and shall perform our task to the best of our ability. We are pleased to note the position taken by our publisher in regard to admitting to the advertising columns only dealers of recognized standing. We want to print nothing but what we can vouch for.

ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

BRAZIL.—(*Postage due 20 reis in current type*). The 1895 set of unpaid letter stamps (Scott U 2) has received an addition by the issue of a 20 reis green. Perf. 13.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA. — (*New 4d stamp*). An addition to the set of annexed design has appeared the 4d bistre.

CHINA. —(*10c. color changed*). The color of the 10c has been changed from dark green to lilac.

(*German P. O. provisional 5 pf.*) During a temporary exhaustion of the supply of 5 pf stamps, during the month of May last, a number of 10 pf were converting into that value, by a black surcharge of "5 pfg." at the office of Kiaochow.

(*French P. O., 2 franc stamp*). The new French 2 fr. has received the surcharge CHINE in black.

COREA.—(*Provisional 1 poon stamp. New card, etc.*) The 25 poon stamp is reported with a black surcharge covering the old value in Chinese and Corean, and a small vertical stroke signifying "1"

over the figure 25. This new value was required for printed matter. A post card impressed with a circular stamp 1 cheun blue on white has also been issued. It is also reported that the 1c adhesive stamp of the new set has been issued in green.

CRETE.—(*Italian P.O.*) The current 25c Italy has been issued surcharged in red "1 Piastra 1" for the use of the Italian offices on the island.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. — (*Reported new set*). It is said that a set of nine values from ¼c to $1.00 is in preparation. The design to consist of a map of the Republic.

EGYPT.— (*French offices, 2 fr stamps*). The new 2 fr French stamp has been issued bearing the surcharges "Alexandrie" and "Port-Saïd" in black ink.

FRENCH LEVANT. — (*2 franc stamp*). The 2 franc France has been surcharged in black "8 Piastres 8". The *American Journal of Philately* also reports the same value with additional surcharges of the names of the places for the offices at Cavalle, Dedeagh and Vathy.

GERMANY.—(*Completion of new set.*) We illustrate the new 3 and 5 mark stamps, completing the set of 1900. The 3 mark is now in use, it is printed in a violet black shade, and the 5 mark we hear has also been issued, but so far we have not seen them.

GREECE. — (*New stamps and cards*). The first to appear of the new designs, reported as in preparation in our June number, are the post cards. Of these there have appeared single and reply cards of the values, 5 lepta green on yellow and 10 l. carmine on blue grey. The design shows a figure of Mercury upon a globe. Adhesive stamps of the same design 5 l green and 10 l carmine are also said to have been issued.

GUATEMALA.—(*5c in new color*). The 5c in blue has now made its appearance, thus completing the set already reported in detail.

INDIA.—(*Surcharged stamps for troops in China*). We clip the following paragraph from the *Philatelic Journal of India*, by which it will be seen specially surcharged stamps have been issued for the service of India troops in the field :

"A difficulty has arisen in the matter of the sale of stamps in the field post-offices attached to the China Expeditionary Force which has been sent from India. For the purposes of official calculations the dollar has been taken at 1s 11d. This makes 1 anna equal to 4 cents, plus a considerable fraction. It has been decided to sell stamps in the field at the rate of 4 cents to the anna. As this would undoubtedly lead to the purchase of every stamp in stock by the wily Chinaman to remit to India, it has been decided to surcharge all stamps sold by the China Expeditionary Force field post-offices with the letters "C.E.F." so that they may not be available for use in India. The ½, 1, 2, 4, 8, 12 annas and 1 rupee values are to be so treated."

MOROCCO.—(*French P. O., 2 Pesetas Stamp.*) The 2 franc of France has also been surcharged for use at these offices 2 PESETAS in black.

MOZAMBIQUE CO. — (*Provisional 25 r and 50 r.*) *The Stamp Collector's Forthnightly* publishes an interesting letter dated May 12th from Mr. J. E. McMaster, British Consul at Beira, announcing the issue of two provisionals, necessitated by the African war. Mr. McMaster says : "The passing through "of so many thousands of British troops "entirely exhausted the stock in hand of "the usual 25 and 50 reis stamps, and "22,000 of the 25 and 15,000 of the 50 "(provisionals) have been printed." The 25 r is surcharged in red on the current 5 reis, and the 10 reis is perforated vertically through the center and each half surcharged "50 reis" in violet.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.—(*2½d Cape G. H. stamp used provisionally*). Our South African correspondent Mr. Rudd under date of August 16th informs us

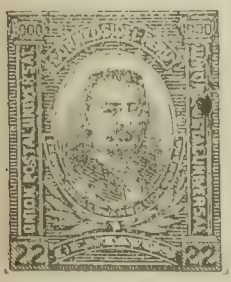
that the Cape of Good Hope stamp 2½d blue has been surcharged :

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.

and is being used in that colony.

This stamp has no doubt been surcharged to take the place of the 2½d. O. F. S. surcharged V. R. I. The supply of which was exhausted shortly after the occupation of the Free State by the British.

PERAK. — (*New 4c. Provisional 1c.*) The *Am. J. of Philately* announces a 4c tiger type lilac and carmine and a 1c surcharged in black on 2c.



PERU. — (*New value, 22 centavos*) *Mekeels Weekly* is the first to announce a stamp of the design illustrated herewith, value 22c green and black, portrait of D. Eduardo L. de Romana. Two new post cards are also reported each 2 centavos, one printed in brown has a stamp giving a view of the post office dated 1900 above, the other in red lilac has the embossed portrait of the president.

SAMOA.—(*Provisional Post cards*). In addition to the adhesives reported in our July number the old type German post cards 5 and 10 pf, single and reply have also appeared surcharged in black "Samoa."

SARAWAK. — (*Post Cards 4 x 4.*) A reply card carmine on buff has made its appearance. The surcharged 4c single card listed in February is still in use, but we presume the regular issue will soon be put in circulation.

URUGUAY.—(*Official 1 centavo*). As anticipated in our March report the 1c green of 1899 has received the surcharge OFICIAL.

VAAL RIVER COLONY. —(*New name for the Transvaal*). This is according to the press despatches the official title of the new British possession acquired by conquest from the late South African Republic.

ZANZIBAR.—(*French P. O., 20 annas stamp*). The French 2 fr seems to have been a value badly needed, it comes surcharged also ZANZIBAR 20 ANNAS.

SPECULATIVE STAMPS AND COUNTERFEITS.

The stamps described under this heading, we would advise collectors to avoid, as they are manufactured either by official authority or by private individuals for their own gain at the expense of Philatelists.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE. — (*Mafeking Locals*). The *S. C. F.* gives a photographic illustration of four Cape stamps with a counterfeit surcharge and post mark. They are numbers 2, 3, 4 and 5 of our August list ; it also states that No. 1 has also been imitated. In the forgeries the central horizontal stroke in the first letter E. of "Besieged" is merely a misshapen dot unconnected with the rest of the letter. It is thought the forgeries originated in London.

ITALY.—The latest Italian counterfeit is an imitation of the surcharged postage stamp of 1890, 20c on 50c lilac. It is easily recognised by the dull, almost grayish colour of the surcharge, which in the original is of a brilliant, shiny black. The counterfeit surcharge is printed with a handstamp and is nearly always slanting, while the original is perfectly straight. The "mi" of the surcharge "Cmi" is very badly printed and quite different from the originals.

NEW SOUTH WALES.— How clever some of the counterfeiters work is evidenced by the details brought out in the trial of the engraver Jonoski Takuma at Sydney, Australia. He was convicted of counterfeiting scarce watermark errors of the issue of 1853, mainly the 2d. with the watermark "8" and the 3d with the error "2." He employed various methods to obtain the desired results. In some cases his counterfeits consisted of triple layers of paper; the back of the stamp had been shaved ; a thin sheet of paper into which the watermark had been cut was pasted on it and another piece of paper was used as the "cover." The three were no thicker than the original stamp. In order to produce the watermark "2" he took genuine stamps from which the front had been carefully "ground" off by machine. This left the body of the paper with the watermark intact, and this he pasted on the back of a 3d stamp scraped similarly on the back, the two papers together having the thickness of but one. In this case two stamps

worth about 5/- are made into one catalogued £15.

SPAIN.—*Madrid Filatelico* calls attention to a new counterfeit of the Don Carlos postage stamp of September, 1874, the one bearing the inscription "Espana Valencia" catalogued in Scott under Spain, No. 505. The principal points of difference, according to our esteemed contemporary, are: — The genuine is printed in rose on white paper, the stamp is 21 mm. high and 17¾ mm. wide, the oval is 15 mm high and 12½ mm wide and has 31 lines across in the background. The counterfeit is more scarlet on yellowish paper, the stamp is 20½ mm high and 18 mm wide, the oval 14½ mm high and 12½ mm wide and the groundwork shows 43 lines across. Still this counterfeit is dangerous when an original is not handy for comparison.

The above three items are copied from the English *Philatelic Chronicle*.

VICTORIA. — (*War stamps*). The 1d and 2d stamps, sold at 1s and 2s for the benefit of the War Fund, have now made their appearance, and are on sale at the London agency of the Colony as well as at Victorian post offices. As they have practically no Philatelic interest, we think it waste of space to devote more space to their description. We learn that the sale of these labels has been far less than anticipated by the concoctors of the scheme.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

STANLEY GIBBONS PRICED CATALOGUE, PART II, *Foreign countries, 1900*. After a delay of some months this work made its appearance early in August, a copy reaching us a day or two too late for notice in our last number. The same features as characterized Part I, to which we drew our readers attention last April, are prominent in Part II. Many countries have been entirely re-written and re-arranged. Enlarged photographic illustrations of minor varieties of such stamps as the Paris and Athens prints of Greece, are an important and useful feature of this work. The pricing represents the actual selling prices of the publishers' own stock, no attempt being made to fix a "standard" market valuation for such things as the publishers cannot supply. United States stamps being fully illustrated, a feature forbidden to the publishers of the American Standard catalogue, and the stamps of United States colonial possessions, being in this work priced for the first time, there has been an unusually large demand for the book in America. It should be in the library of every careful philatelist.

AFRICAN STAMP NEWS.

BY H. RUDD.

Oudtshoorn, Cape of Good Hope,
August 1st 1900.

Some of the post offices in the Orange River Colony have been supplied with new obliterating date stamps in which O.R.C. has been substituted for O.V.S. Stamps obliterated with the O.V.S. date stamp will no doubt be more valuable than those obliterated with the O.R.C. one.

The following O.R. C. V.R.I. have gone np in price. The 2½d are fetching 12/-6 each, the 4d blue 2/-6 and 6d rose 7/-6.

The Transvaal V.R.Is. are as yet very uncommon on account of postal communication to the Transvaal colony having been cut off shortly after the fall of Johannesburg.

I have seen several letters posted at Kuruman, C.C. the stamps on which have been obliterated by the "Chief Distributor of stamps" date stamp. The chief distributor is an official in the magistrates'office. The date stamp in question is an India rubber one of an oblong shape and is used for obliterating the embossed stamps on licences; but never, except in this instance, has it been used for postal purposes. As Kuruman was one of the places in the Cape Colony occupied by the Boers, they no doubt on their evacuation did away with the date and oblite rating stamps of the Post office in some way or other.

MONTREAL LOCAL STAMPS.

During the past few months we have had several enquiries from our readers about the so-called local stamps of Montreal. We thought these labels were dead and buried years ago, but as one advances in years he seems to overlook the fact that a younger generation is constantly growing up, to whom the old familiar discussions of his own youth are unknown, and as there is no philatelic encyclopaedia for our gallant young stu dents to consult, it is not surprising tha

old friends should be constantly turning with new features.

The publisher who will undertake to index and print in cyclopaedic form all the topics that have been discussed in the philatelic press, since we had a press, will confer a lasting benefit upon stamp collectors for all time.

In the *Canadian Philatelist* Vol. I. No. 3, printed in Quebec, December 1872, we published the results of a careful investigation made by the present editor of the MONTREAL PHILATELIST into the standing of all Canadian locals we could then hear of. We cannot do better than reproduce in a somewhat condensed form, the facts given in that article, as it embodies all the essential particulars about which our correspondents have made enquiries.

No genuine locals have ever been used in Canada, the labels that are passed off for such, are merely the work of speculating dealers. The first issued of these stamps was "Ker's City Post" 1d, which appeared in 1864, this was soon followed by other values—3d., 2 cents and 5 cents all manufactured in Montreal and they are supposed to have originated from the fertile imaginetion of S. Allan Taylor, who was then a stamp dealer in this city. The design of the first mentioned consisted of the arms of Great Britain in centre ; above KER'S CITY POST ; below ONE PENNY ; oblong oval ; printed in black on blue, rose and green papers. The second issue was similar in design but had the Prince of Wales' plume and motto in centre instead of the British arms and consisted of the 1d orange 3d, green, red, yellow and orange. The third issue was a rectangular stamp, with portrait in oval, same inscription above ; value below ; printed first in blue and afterwards in black on white paper, and consisted of two values 2 cents and 5 cents. There was a quite a large sale of these fraudulent stamps at the time but they are rarely met with now. Shortly after their appearance Mr. Taylor removed to Albany N. Y., and from that city introduced a stamp, purporting to be used to pre-pay letters forwarded by "Bell's Dispatch" of Montreal, this was for a long time believed in, and had perhaps a much larger sale than any other Canadian local. It is often seen in old collections. The design consists of the arms of the city of Montreal in centre; above BELL'S DISPATCH ; below on ribbon MONTREAL ; beneath ribbon CENTS ; figure 2 in circle at each corner printed in mauve on white paper. In those days Mr. J. A. Nutter was the largest stamp dealer iu Montreal, this gentleman still lives here, but has long since given up the stamp business, He originated the scheme that afterwards made Mr. Seebeck's name famous. He arranged with Mr. Bancroft proprietor of he "City Express Co." to supply him gratis with stamps of the annexed design,

to be used on parcels delivered by the express. A few may have been used for that purpose, but that they could never have been employed for the payment of letter delivery is self evident, for the cost (5 cents) was in excess of the post office charge for the distribution of local letters, which then was 1c if delivered at the post office or 2c when delivered by carrier. There are three different varieties of this stamp, the first was a wood cut, which not proving satisfactory was rejected, not however, before S. A. Taylor had obtained a copy and struck off an imitation ; the third variety was printed from copper plate and is finely engraved. The Nutter stamps were printed in dark blue on white paper, while the Taylor stamp was in light blue ; it represents an individual with long Dundreary whiskers and the inscription reads STRT instead of ST. In the advertising pages of the *Stamp Collector's Magazine* of 1865 and 1866 the stamps were offered by Nutter at 2s 6d per dozen, and must have been quite extensively sold. The City Express Co., was afterwards known as Bancroft and Sharpe's express, and the business is still in existence as "Sharpe's City express" but their charges for delivery have never been collected by means of stamps.

Other stamps that have been offered as Canadian locals, are "Winslow & Co's Express" between Montreal and Portland, Me., "British American College Stamp," "Grand Trunk Railway" newspaper stamp and "McLachlau's Post". These are merely advertising labels except the G. T. Ry stamp ; the latter was an imitation of the English railway newspaper stamps got up probably by Taylor, but was never used by the G. T. Ry.

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REMINISCENCES.

Quoting our August editorial on "the Album difficulty" *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* criticizes as follows :—

"The following sensible lines suffer "some by the illiberalism that dismisses "the study of minor varieties, water-"marks, paper and perforations with so "curt ceremony."

Our critic evidently misunderstands our position, we do not dismiss the study of these variations, we merely put them in their proper place. When the writer assumed control of the editorial management of the MONTREAL PHILATELIST, in our first editorial (December 1899) we briefly outlined the position we took on this question and stated the principles that would underlie all our writings on philately, again in our April and June numbers we have had occasion to refer to it. We now refer our critic, and our readers in general to those articles, from which may be gathered our conception of what is the end and aim of the Science of Philately.

In preparing an article for this number, at the request of several correspondents, on Montreal local stamps, we had occasion for the first time in many years to refer to our writings in the *Canadian Philatelist* of twenty eight years ago. Old friends, old familiar faces, came back to us, as we once more read the effusions of the olden time ; this train of thought induces us to inflict our readers with a few personal reminiscences, which we trust they will pardon us for, seeing they are not unconnected with the topic now discussed.

In the early days of stamp collecting, all varieties except those of the printed design and color were ignored ; then perforated as distinguished from unperforated stamps began to be collected ; watermarks were first noticed and listed in 1865 by the Parisian philatelist Dr. Legrand writing under the *nom de plume* Dr. Magnus. A translation of his articles was published in the *S. C. M.* of 1866. Those who have access to these most interesting papers, will notice that, the constant thought of their author seems to be that watermarks indicate an epoch in the *history* of the stamps of a country. The historical point appears every where

Shortly after this gauging perforations began, the idea also originating from Dr. Magnus. The introduction of these inovations at once raised a storm of opposition, philatelists divided into the French and English schools. In every number of the 1868 volume of the *S. C. M.* the great *Pendragon* controversy raged, it was participated in by every English philatelic writer of note, but dominating all as a shrewd and careful philatelist were the opinions of Edward L. Pemberton. The result of this protracted debate was the acceptance by all prominent English collectors of the ideas of the *French* or as it began to be styled the *European* school.

In America the new system of collecting was unknown, not a single stamp journal defended it, it was laughed at as absurd, ridiculed as trivial, and so no doubt it is if the end to which it leads is lost sight of. The *American Journal of Phll itely* then the property of J. W. Scott, was the strongest opponent of the European and the valliant champion of the American school. In 1872, a young man of 18 years, an ardent admirer of Edward L. Pemberton, a close correspondent with him, and with Chas. H. Coster of New York and John K. Tiffany of St. Louis formed the idea of starting a journal to introduce and propagate the European principles of philately. The *Canadian Philatelist* was the outcome of that idea, the gentlemen named were its collaborators and the editor of the MONTREAL PHILATELIST was its founder and editor. We were however in advance of our time, scientific philatelists were then too few to support even so small a journal and after a few months we ceased to publish. Mr. Coster and Mr. Tiffany wanted to found a paper in New Y6rk with ample capital, but they could get no one to undertake the editorship. That position was offered to us, at a tempting price, but business and family ties prevented our removal from Canada to New York, and the matter dropped out of sight.

A perusal of these facts will we think absolve us from the charge of illiberally dismissing with curt ceremony a study that we were the first to publicly propagate on the American continent.

Philately rises above the rank of a hobby or a fad, because of its historical importance, because it commemorates events in the progress of mankind, and thus contributes to the advancement of humanity. To reach the end sought after its study in the minutest details is a necessity, but these details are the means not the end. We cannot better close our remarks than by quoting from our old friend Pemberton, who taught us what stamp collecting really means.

"An examination of any one series, will prove to the student that little order or system can be attained if watermarks are ignored ; and any so-called arrangement, based alone on external appearances, however admirable the results may appear to the eye, will be, in reality, what is vulgarly termed a jumble. It has been therefore, with the view of inducting recent volunteers to the rank of Philately, into the higher mysteries of the art, my aim, to clearly define all distinctions of watermark, all perforations, and, where practicable, the leading shades, If I have succeeded, and can induce more and more interest on the part of the collector on this points, essential to the very production of each individual stamp, I shall be amply repaid."

STAMP CUTS AGAIN.

We notice that our Berlin Ont. contemporary the *Philatelic Advocate* is taking credit to itself for "a victory" in the recent decision of the Postmaster General not to interfere with the illustration of stamps in the philatelic press. The *Advocate* is welcome to what ever credit it can extract out of its action in this matter, though we think its lengthy correspondence with the P. O. Department has not influenced the decision by a hair's breadth. In its January number the following item appeared.

"Ottawa, 22 Dec. 1899.

"Gentlemen :—With reference to your

" letter of 18th inst., I am directed to say " that under section 86 of the Post Office " act the *imitation* of any postage stamp " issued or used by this or *any other* " *country* is a criminal offence.

" I am, Gentlemen, your obedient " servant,

" W. D. Le Sueur Secretary.

" This law is very strict; so strict in " fact that we have been compelled to " remove the very poor imitation of a " Canada stamp which appeared on our " cover design. Some of our Canadian " papers publish cuts of new issues but " this will now have to be stopped "

A similar notification was received about that time by the publisher of the MONTREAL PHILATELIST, we declined however to stop the publication of our illustrations of new issues, taking the ground as outlined in our editorial in July that section 86 did not apply to the legitimate illustration of stamps. We undertook the risk of a prosecution, rather than relinquish what we felt to be an undoubted right, and wrote to the department in that sense. Finding that we were prepared to stick to our guns, the P. M. General, no doubt consulted the law officers of the Crown, and probably finding that his departmental interpretation of the act would not stand if tested in the courts, came to the wise conclusion not to further interfere with the stamp papers. There is not much of a " victory " to boast of, in maintaining a position legally secure, and we make no such boasts, but it does seem to us a trifle out of place, for our esteemed friend the *Advocate*, to pride itself on winning a battle, from whose field it precipitately fled at the first sign of danger. However

" He who fights and runs away
May live to fight another day."

THE ADHESIVE'S RESERVE FORCES.

In its July number our valiant friend, or opponent if it prefers the title, threatened us if we did not stop exposing its blunders with certain murderous weapons concealed up its sleeve. It called them " reserve forces " but we were at a loss to know, whether we were to guard against Mauser rifles, butcher knives, revolutionary bayonets from Colombia, Indian daggers from "Punch' or razors from the Tenderloin. Our period of suspense is over, the secret is out, we know the worst,—the *Adhesive* is to present itself as our opponent in a contest " for the nomination for official organ of the League of Canadian Philatelists in 1901." Well! Well! The ambition of the philatelic magazine that has no philatelic editor, to represent an expert philatelic society is sublime. We know our friends of the League, and we have doubts about their wanting that kind of a representative.

MAFEKING SIEGE STAMPS.

(From *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News.*)

While in Kimberley some little time ago it seemed to me that the town had gone mad on war relics of all descriptions. At any rate if the " man in the street " was not enthusiastic " the man in the shop " was. Chemists, grocers, drapers, ironmongers, jewellers, &c. all had some relic or other to offer. In fact, I should think, at the time I speak of, every tradesman in the town was a relic-dealer, Doubtless selling relics paid much better than ordinary business when they could get jays to pay the astonishing prices they were asking; prices, in my opinion, out of all proportion to the interest or rarity of the specimens offered. These relics may be divided into three groups *i.e.* (1) Kruger coinage, (2) Kimberley shells and (3) Mafeking relics. The last group one or two of the tradesmen were booming for all they were worth. Being full of variety it was by far the most interesting. Amongst the things included were stamps, notes, vouchers, letters addressed to 'B.P.' and odds and ends of all sorts.

A short description of some of the stamps offered may be of interest to readers.

In a large chemist's shop there was

an extensive assortment of relics and amongst other things two sets of 19 different "Mafeking Besieged" stamps. These stamps as my readers are doubtless well aware from the frequent notes that have appeared in *E.W.S.N.*, consist mainly of Cape and Bechuanaland stamps over-printed in two lines "MAFEKING BESIEGED" the face value in each case being raised and denoted between the two surcharged lines. One thing I don't like about these sets is that they have been postmarked to order. The stamps were stuck on a piece of paper and then all cancelled at once, the date being MAY 12TH. The postmark is the ordinary single line circular date mark with "MAFEKING C-G-H." arranged round the inside. In the centre of the circle is the date, "MY. 12—1900," in two lines. In a clothier's shop there was an exactly similar set for sale at the same price. These all appear to have been genuinely used on letters, though I could not say for certain. In a small jeweller's shop I noticed three stamps for sale, price 20/- each.

WERE THEY GENUINELY NEEDED ?

After reading the above, one cannot help wondering whether the various siege surcharges were really necessary. At first, it was put forward in their favour that they could not be obtained unused and were attached to letters by the postal officials. This evidence is now greatly weakened, as the "Mafeking 1d Besieged" stamp on ½d green Cape is comparatively common unused, and most of the Cycle and Baden-Powell locals are in this state. Our publishers recently puchased an undoubtly genuine unused specimen of the 1d on ½d Cape, with full gum.

Writing on the same subject, a correspondent of the *S.C.F.* states : — "Mr. Turner, by the way, is quite wrong in saying that unused "Mafekings" donot exist. I have several myself, I have been shown others by the *Times* correspondent, who was in Mafeking during the siege, and Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, have a number in their books."

In addition to unused specimens, we now have evidence of sets cancelled to order. If we further take into consideration the fact that most of the letters sent were franked with 2, 3, 4, or even 6 stamps when one would have done, there seems no room for further doubt that the stamps were issued purely as a memento of the siege, and restrictions were placed on their sale so that no one should get more than his fair share. That Mafeking to a man was alive to the advantages of issuing special stamps is clear, when we are told that none of the siege notes have been presented for payment. It is unlikely that many of the stamps have been lost to collectors either.

Many readers are apt to blindly mix up justice with patriotism and anything that Mafeking may have issued in the stamp line is promptly accepted as a bona-fide issue. Doubtless most readers will be ready to overlook the absence of any postal necessity for the Mafeking Siege provisionals, but such willingness does not establish the bona-fides of their issue, from the strictly postal point of view.

From the *Philatelic Chronicle.*

In our June issue we protested against the Mafeking Besieged stamps being regarded as a serious issue. In a disturbed time like the present, excitement and patriotism might and do lead people to accept as gospel truth what, in their more sober moments, they could reject with incredulity if not with contempt—hence our protest and warning. Since we published our article the most strenuous efforts have been made in various interested quarters to bolster up this commercial issue and every tittle of evidence possible to produce has been heaped into the balance in order to give it weight. Having carefully read all that has been written we again warn our readers to have nothing to do with the over-printed issue while offered at the fancy prices asked at present even if they buy them eventually as relics, or as interesting locals issued—no matter with what ulterior object—at a critical and historical moment.

Among the evidence adduced in favour of the Mafeking stamps is a manifesto published by a leading firm of dealers setting forth with great circumstance the why and wherefore of the issue. It appears that a gentleman from Mafeking waited upon this firm with a complete set of all the stamps made and used during the siege—our readers will remember we foretold this in June—and a guarantee of their genuineness signed by Lord Edward

Cecil. Here, indeed, we have business forethought combined with despatch! Immediately the siege was raised this gentleman must have started off with his stock and credentials to get first on the market—and how many more philatelic commercial travellers have gone elsewhere with similar appointments? We certainly hear of sales being effected in various quarters simultaneously.

The business-like method of procedure would be sufficient to convince the ordinary mind of the commercial nature of the whole transaction, but, should any doubt remain, the circumstantial account, if read between the lines, quickly dispels it. For instance, we are told, presumably to pave the way for the asserted increase in postage rates, that a number of the runners were caught and killed and the despatches were found afterwards—by whom or where or how does not transpire—with the stamps "removed by the 'slim' Boers." There is a distinct touch of irony in this description. The Boer outside should not, of course, have stolen stamps worth pounds. Surely the common or garden unsurcharged stamps were good enough for him—and after all the trouble taken in making them! Yes, it was undoubtedly wrong of the Boer outside to rob his enemy- but what about the Briton then inside and who, at this moment, is asking hundreds of pounds from his fellow Britons for a few labels which cost him a less number of pence? It is quite possible that both Briton and Boer looks upon his action as "business."

To resume, it is certain, if the above account be true, that the runners who carried the letters imperilled their lives—therefore the sum of £25 as quoted in the Mafeking gentleman's carefully prepared account was not extravagent. Later on it is stated that "it was found necessary to practically double the ordinary rates." Let us suppose the ordinary rates were 6d a letter. Let us also suppose that the postal authorities desired to make a profit on the journey. Let us also note that "no bags were allowed to be carried" and then let us find out where the native runner was to store his stock of letters for which it was necessary to charge double postage in order to make up the £25 cost of the journey. The natural supposition is that he would go in for an extra large loincloth — but no, we are gravely informed that the letters were "concealed about their clothing" and, *mirabile dictu* "in the soles of their boots!!" The idea of a kaffir or other native running fifty or sixty miles in boots is distinctly edifying and new. It is rather lucky that "no person was allowed to send more than two, or at most three letters by any one runner" or the thickness of the boot soles might have caused him to receive the bullet aimed at a suppositious giraffe.

Upon the authority of the *Cape Argus*, a recent passenger for England refused £250 for his stock of Mafeking stamps. Since the account referred to appeared a firm of dealers is reported to have sold several complete sets at over £50 each. It is therefore all the more interesting to read in the apologetic manifesto that "no stamps were sold to the public" and that "letters were taken to the post office and the military postal officials stamped them." In face of these authoritative statements, which are issued in connection with Lord Edward Cecil's guarantee, one wonders where these £250 stocks and these sets sold in London, Cape Town, Manchester, and elsewhere originate from. The logical conclusion is that the poor Boers were falsely accused of shooting the runners, who must have been waylaid by the parties that supplied the bagmen now pushing the sale. This is the conclusion honesty and logic would arrive at, but both these qualities, we fear, are foreign to the "Mafeking Beseiged" stamps. Still there is a moral to be deducted from these inaccuracies and contradictions.

These labels may be everything that is claimed for them—in fact, we have the written guarantee of Lord Edward Cecil, sent by express traveller, to that effect—but we would advise our readers to refrain awhile from purchasing, as the most recent information describes a rival brand of surcharge which, by the holders of the original type, is stigmatized as a forgery. It may be that the new brand is all right and it, also, may have the written guarantee of some high official—perhaps of the officer who accidentally double surcharged one sheet—so would-be purchasers should wait until the claims of the rival brands are settled. For our own part we consider the one about as good as the other—and we refrain from recommending either until we have got some to sell.

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Dutch Indies, surcharged on Netherlands, 15c on 15c yellow brown,	12
Dutch Indies, surcharged on Netherlands, 20c on 20c yellow green,	15
Dutch Indies, surcharged on Netherlands, 25c on 25c carmine and blue,	20
Dutch Indies, surcharged on Netherlands, 50c on 50c bronze green and red brown,	40
Fernando Po., 1900, 5c on 20c maroon	25
" " 50c 20c "	50
Guatemala, 1900, 5c light blue,	05
Seychelles, 1900, 6c rose,	05
" " 25c blue,	10
" " 75c,	45
" " 1r 50c,	90
" " 2r 25c,	1.35
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½d " " " thick V, 2nd " "	25
1d " " " thin " " "	06
1d " " " thick " " "	25
2d " " " thin V 3rd " "	08
3d " " " " " "	12
6d " " " " " "	55
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" Jubilee 50c	20
" " ½c and 6c new	40
" " ½c new per 10	1,50
" 1882, ½c small per 100	50
" Maples ½c black per 100	75
" Numerals ½c black per 100 ($2 per 7000)	22
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U. S. Omaha 50c $1.00, $2.00 used	2.75
" 50c used	25
Gold Coast 1884, 2sh C A. cat 50c used	22
Netherlands 1 Gulden Coronation used	18
New Zealand 1900, ½d, 1d, 2d new	12
Dominica 1886, ½d on 6d new	30
Tobago 1882, 1d red brown new	25
P. E. Island 2d, 3d, 4d new	25
" 1c. 2c. 4c, 6c, 12c new	50
Crete 1900, 1l to 2 dr new	1.65
Salvador 1895, unpaid 50c olive used	25
Labuan 1897, 1c to 8c—6 var. cat. 35c used	14
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" 1899 4p brown and blue unwmk rare	60
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" 1893 " 1 to 15 incl	22
" 1893 " 1 to 30 incl	45
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	1877 3c	7	8c	60c
	1898 1c		3c	25c
	1898 2c		4c	30c
	1898 3c		6c	50c
Surcharged env	2 on 3c of 1877	No 6	20c	$1 50
	2 on 3c of 1877	No 7	10c	75
	2 on 3c of 1898		6c	50

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	2c green		5	5
	3c carmine		10	10
	2 on 3c carmine		7	7
	1c black	1898 New design	3	3
	2c green		5	5
	3c carmine		10	8
	2 on 3c carm.		5	5
	1 green		3	2
	2 carmine		4	3

NEWFOUMDLAND

		new	used
	Series of 1889		
Envelope stamps	3c violet	6	6
	5c ultramar.	10	10
Newspaper Bands	1c green	3	3
	2c carmine	5	5
	3c brown	6	6
Post Cards	1873 white card 1c green	15	12
	1879 white card 2c red	25	20
	1880 buff card 1c green	8	6
	1880 " 2c red	10	10
	1890 white card 1c green	3	3
	1890 " 2c red	5	5
	1891 no frame 2c carmine	10	10
	1897 pale buff card 1c yellow green	3	3

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NEWS OF THE MONTH.

Decidedly the most important novelty of this month is the appearance of Chilian stationery with a female portrait instead of the time honored features of Columbus. A new set for Itaiy is promised, the new Greece are not yet complete, possibly they have been printed but old stock has to be used up before the new is put in circulation. Provisionals are numerous in fact nearly all our annoucements of novelties are surcharges this month, so that although the list is somewhat long, it is not a very interesting one except to those who take a special delight in provisional stamps. In order to present both sides of the question to our readers we publish this month a defence of the Mafeking locals, by their ablest champion, and with this article we will close the matter as far as our columns are concerned. The recent philatelic exhibition in Paris has brought several prizes to America, the Scott Stamp Co. and H. E. Deats have secured medals for exhibits of Philatelic publications, and Messrs John N. Luff, Wm. Moser, M. H. Lombard and Alex Holland for Stamp exhibits. We congratulate these gentlemen on their success.

The first section of the advance sheets of the Scott catalogue has appeared, comprisIng the stamps of the United States ; a number of minor varieties are listed for the first time but there are no striking changes in prices. The complete work is promised for Dec. 1st. Just as we go to press a communication from Stanley Gibbons, Limited informs us that their energetic manager Mr. C. J. Phillips is shortly to visit America, and hopes to be able to take in Montreal on his trip. Our local collectors and societies will be pleased to meet Mr. Phillips, and we are sure will extend to him a hearty welcome. We would suggest to our friends the advisability of tendering to so prominent a philatelist, an official invitation to visit our city.

Before our next number goes to press the verdict of the electors of the Dominion will have been passed on the administration of the country by the Laurier government, at the general elections to be held Nov. 7th. Should the government be defeated and the reins of power pass once more into the hands of the Conservative party, we may expect that the contract for the supply of stamps will be again given to the British American Bank Note Company, which would mean a new issue of stamps, or a reversion to the old designs in use previous to 1897. Aside from the ardent politicians of both sides, business men are not taking a vast amount of interest in this electoral campaign, generally they seem to be well satisfied with the conduct of affairs and the commercial policy of the present administration, so that a change of government seems improbable. Postal affairs, which no doubt interest our readers most, have certainly been well administered by our present Postmaster General Hon. Wm. Mulock. During his term of office, he has reduced the domestic rate of postage by one third, inaugurated Imperial penny postage, introduced the postal note system and many other improvements in the service, whilst materially reducing the expenditure. Instead of the annual deficit of about three quarters of a million, he has made his department practically self sustaining. Philatelists have contributed largely to bring about this result, for beginning with the Jubilee stamps of 1897, the sales to collectors have been very large. On the whole the Hon. Wm. Mulock has been the best and most successful Postmaster General that Canada has ever had, and if the administration is to be judged by its record on Postal affairs, we feel certain that business men generally and philatelists in particular, will record a practically unanimous vote on Nov. 7th in favor of the present government of the country.

ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA. — *(Post Card 1d.)* A 1d card, similar design to the ½d listed in February, for "External" postage has been issued in carmine on buff.

CHILI. — *(Postal Stationery).* The historic profile of Columbus has at last given way to the features of one of the gentle sex. The Registration envelopes 15c mauve, 20c grey, and the wrappers 2c carmine, 20c grey announced last March, together with a 5c blue letter sheet have appeared adorned with the portrait of a lady. She appears on the letter sheet embossed in a rectangular stamp, somewhat similar to that on the recently issued envelope. On the Registration envelopes she is also embossed in a circular stamp on the flap, and she is shown lithographed on the wrappers. Who this lady represents we cannot say, but while we welcome her to our philatelic picture gallery, we miss the features of the grand old navigator no long associated with the stamps of Chili. Chili has always been free from any approach to speculative issues and is one of the few South American countries held in honor by philatelists, let us hope this innovation will not pave the way for attacks upon the collectors purse, after the manner of so many of the Spanish American republics.

(Current 10c change of color). According to the *Monthly Circular* the recently issued 10c lilac has been changed to yellow.

COREA. — *(New issue of stamps).* The set announced in March is at last coming to hand. Fourteen varieties were promised and so far just half that number have been seen. There are:

2 re grey		4 cheun carmine	
1 cheun green		5 "	pink
2 "	blue	6 "	blue
3 "	red		

The lowest value 2 re is equal to about 1-10 of a cent, there are 10 re to a cheun which is worth ½ cent American money.

CRETE. — *(5 l and 20 l in new shades).* A correspondent from Canea of *L'Essor Philatelique*, reports the appearance of the 5 lepta in pale blue instead of green and the 20 lepta in orange instead of carmine. It is possible that these may be local impressions, as the same correspondent reports the "Provisional" surcharge on the 1, 2 and 5 drachma is now printed locally in grey black less clear, and very irregularly as compared with the original London surcharge.

DUTCH INDIES. — *(Provisional stamps and envelopes.)* As far back as our January number we listed as seen in the official collections a set of the current issue of Netherlands, from 10c to 50c, surcharged NED. INDIE and value. These stamps have but recenlly come to hand from the colony itself, and are said to be a temporary issue pending the preparation of a permanent set. The *Am. J. of P.* has received the current 12½c, 20c and 25c envelopes surcharged 10 at bottom, in black. *Mekeel's Weekly* adds the 15c envelope similarly surcharged.

EGYPT. — *(4 mil. reply card).* The 4m card reported in February comes also double for reply in carmine on buff. Both the single and reply cards are said to have been issued surcharged SOUDAN.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES. — *(Provisional 10c on Perak).* On the authority of *Stanley Gibbons Monthly* we add to the provisionals reported in May and June the 10c lilac and orange Perak surcharged with the name of the new Federation.

(Perak, Provisioual 1c on 4c and 5c.) Last month on the authority of the *Am. J. of Philately* we listed as a new stamp the 4c lilac and carmine, which we find had already been reported by us as far back as December 1899. So many surcharges have been appearing from the Malay States that it is difficult to keep track of them. What should have been reported is the 4c surcharged ONE CENT in two lines with a bar cancelling the old value, and we learn from *Stanley Gibbons*

Journal that the 5c lilac and ochre has received the same treatment, which is also that of the surcharged 2c reported last month. Some of our contemporaries are wondering why the FEDERATED MALAY STATES surcharge has not also been applied ; the stamps of the separate states are now accepted in any part of the Federation, so that the additional words are not necessary, and if applied in these cases of altered values, there would not be much of the original stamp left visible.

GERMANY. — (*List of Germania type cards.*) The new type has been appearing on the cards as the old stock became exhausted. They have been issued so irregularly that to have listed them as they appeared would only tend to create confusion. As the set is now said to be complete we give a list of those we have seen.

2 pf grey blue on blue single and reply
5 pf green on buff " "
10 pf carmine on buff " "
10 pf " Letter card.

BERLIN PNEUMATIC POST

25 pf orange brown on rose, single and reply

The 2 pf in the old type (numeral) has also been used for single and reply cards, and both types of the 2 pf single cards come in a small size (120 x 80 mm).

INDIA.— (*China Expeditionary Force surcharged on India*). The set reported last month surcharged "C. E. F." has according to the report of several contemporaries, made its appearance. The list as given in September is augmented by the 3 pies, 2a 6p and 3 annas, also the ½ anna envelope and ¼ and 1 anna post cards single and reply. Our Indian correspondent's letter in another column gives the official notice of the changes of color reported in our July number.

ITALY.—(*New issue in preparation*). On the authority of an Italian newspaper, *Ewen's Weekly* reports the submission to King Victor Emanuel of proposed types for new stamps. His Majesty approved of the general design but objected to his effigy as depicted, and promised a portrait to his minister to copy from.

NEW ZEALAND. — (*New envelopes*). The envelopes issued in March have already been withdrawn on account of reasons stated in the report of the New Zealand Postmaster General, which will be found in another column. The colors of these envelopes as given in our August number were not correct they were printed as follows :

½d purple black
1 d pale carmine
2 d pale lake.

A new series has been issued embossed in right upper corner, showing a profile of the Queen, consisting of the ½d octagonal, green ; 1d circular, rose ; 2d circular, mauve.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.—(*½ d Cape of G. H. to be surcharged*). A correspondent of *Ewen's Weekly* states that the supply of V. R. I. ½d is exhausted and that the ½d cape will be used with the over print ORANGE RIVER COLONY. It is rumored that a complete set of the regular De la Rue type is in preparation, and will shortly appear. (*Provisional post cards*). In addition to the V. R. I. ½d card listed in June, the following have also appeared with the V. R. I. surcharge and value in English.

1d orange 1d + 1d brown
½d + ½d green 1½ d on 2d mauve

A number of minor varieties exist, consisting of misplaced points etc., as in the case of the adhesives.

PARAGUAY. — (*Provisional 5c and 10c*) As anticipated in our June report surcharges are making their appearance. Several of our French contemporaries report the 30c green surcharged PROVISORIO and the new value 5 centavos, also a new value 50c similarly surcharged 10 centavos.

PORTUGESE INDIA.—(*Provisional 1½ reis*). By an official decree dated June 18th the issue of 20,000 of the blue, 2 tangas stamps was authorized, with the surcharge 1½ RÉIS in black in two lines. It is reported that the issue was promptly bought up by stamps collectors and only lasted for one week.

ROUMANIA.— (*Provisional 10 b letter card*). The local postal rate having been raised from 5 to 10 bani, the stock on hand of 5 bani green letter cards has been surcharged with a second stamp printed on the right hand side of the card.

SALVADOR. — (*Provisionals*). More surcharges are reported from this Central American Republic. In the days of Seebeck, when stamps were furnished to the postal department free, one or two com-

plete new sets a year, with plenty of remainders for collection purposes, were in order. Now we presume they have to pay for their stamps, and every scrap of paper that can be made to do duty, is rung in. Collectors are expected to buy them, if no one else does. This time we have the 3c blue of 1899 surcharged 1900 1 CENTAVO, the 26c brown of 1898 surcharged 1900 5 CENTAVO and the 13c rose of 1899 surcharged 1900 2 CENTAVO. *Stanley Gibbons Monthly* reports a number of printers errors in the surcharging which are not of sufficient interest to list in detail.

SEYCHELLES. — (*Provisional 6c envelope*). The 8c envelope with stamp overprinted SIX CENTS across the original value, in black, in tall narrow capitals, is reported by *Stanley Gibbons Monthly*.

TRINIDAD. — (*Change of colors, etc.*) In May we reported a rumor then current in regard to the withdrawal of the 5d and 10 s stamps and the change of color of the 5 s. The annual report of the Postmaster General of the colony confirms this rumor, and states that its reason was on account of frauds, rendered possible by having so many stamps of the same color, except for the words denoting the value, by which portions of used postage stamps were joined together and affixed to legal documents. Further modifications as to color are being considered.

UNITED STATES. — (*Documentary stamps in new colors*). We do not usually notice the issue of revenue stamps in this column, but as the adoption of a fugitive color for the postage stamps is a possibility we note the fact, that on account of the fraudulent use of washed documentaries, the Treasury Department has decided to adopt an olive grey shade for all denominations, only the figures of value to be impressed in different colors. The new color is soluable, and very sensitive to acid so that any attempt to clean a used stamp will immediately change the color. We fancy the new color will somewhat resemble that of the English 1d stamp, which has always been a favorite shade for English fiscals on account of the difficulties it offers to the stamp washer. It was on that account that the English authorities declined to adopt the Postal union color for the 1d. value which is used almost as much fiscally as postally.

VENEZUELA.—(*New surcharges*). The *Era* reports the current 5c green surcharged 1900 with a scroll or fanciful design consisting of RESELLADA at the top and the wood CASTRO across the centre, the New York correspondent of *Mekeel's Weekly* adds the 10c vermilion and 25c blue similarly surcharged, and the 50c yellow and 1 bol slate surcharged 1900.

SPECULATIVE STAMPS AND COUNTERFEITS.

The stamps described under this heading, we would advise collectors to avoid, as they are manufactured either by official authority or by private individuals for their own gain at the expense of Philatelists.

NEW BRUNSWICK. — (*Forgery of the Connell stamp*). A new forgery of this great rarity has made its appearance, so well executed as to be calculated to deceive even an expert if not on his guard. An enlarged photographic illustration of the forgery side by side with the genuine stamp is given by *Stanley Gibbon's Journal*, from which many defects of lettering can be observed, the perforation also is evidently of a different gauge, but a safe test is in the color ; the original is always in rich dark brown, while the imitation is in a weak pale shade. Genuine postally used specimens of this stamp are we believe unknown, it has been stated that one or two were accepted for postage, but no proof has been produced that they were ever placed on sale at any post office in New Brunsweek A few unused stamps were preserved from destruction on Mr. Connell's forced resignation as Postmaster General of New Brunswick, and kept as souvenirs by some of his friends. Some of these have found their way into collections, and some may have been post marked to order, but the great majority of 'Connels' that are met with are imperforate proofs generally on India paper obtained by favor from the engravers, the American Bank Note Co.

ORANGE FREE STATE.—(*Forged surcharges*). About the most difficult frauds to detect, by an inexperienced collector, are forged surcharges ; to never buy a rare surcharge without submitting it to an expert would be a good rule for the philatelist who wishes to keep his collection free from weeds. *Stanley Gibbons*

Journal announces as coming from N. Yaar & Co. of Amsterdam the following fakes: 1d on 4d blue, surcharge forged; genuine 1d on 3d blue, with a forged second surcharge of "1" added to make the rare double surcharge; genuine ½d on 5 s green, with a second forged "½" added. Forged "T.F." on genuine postally used 1 d brown, 6d rose and 1s yellow stamps.

SURINAM.—(*Provisional 1c*). It has been reported that the remaining stock of the 2½c carmine King's head have been surcharged 1 CENT in black ink, for postal service, but on the authority of the Manager of Stanley Gibbons, Limited, it is stated that this is only the re-appearance of an old fraud, made some years ago, for the benefit of a postal official, who got a few of them postmarked, but none were ever really used.

PHILATELY IN INDIA.

BY

Kumar Mahendralala Mitra, F. S. Sc. Lond.)

Calcutta, Aug. 30, 1900.

The new 6 annas *bistre* inscribed "India Postage" has not yet appeared. But since I wrote you last, the following notice has been issued by the Director General, of the Post-office in India under date Calcutta July 31st 1900:

"On and after the 1st October 1900, postage Stamps of the denominations of ¼ anna, ½ anna, 1 anna, 2 annas and 2½ annas, printed in the new colors mentioned in the margin, may be used in payment of postage and other postal dues for which postage stamps are used. These stamps, however, will not be generally available at post offices until such time as the existing stocks of stamps of the same denominations in the old colors are exhausted." The list as given in the margin is as follows:

¼	anna stamp	Slate-grey.
½	anna "	Pea-green.
1	anna "	Crimson.
2	annas "	Violet.
2½	annas "	Blue

Thus, before these lines are in print, we shall have the new issues. It will be seen that the stamps will only have their colors changed. To one who can read between the lines, it will also appear that the 1 anna 6 pies stamps will be abolished as soon as the stock in hand is exhausted. I shall send you the new issues as soon as they are available, and your readers will be able to judge for themselves if there be any change in the bantlings from their forbears.

New Zealand has kept aloof from federation, but has given a more practical proof of her Imperialist Spirit. The text of the telegrams which last week passed between Mr. Ward, Postmaster-General of New Zealand and Mr. Fanshawe, Director-General of the India Post office, in connection with the adoption by New Zealand of the Imperial Penny Postage, is interesting as showing the spirit in which this great reform has been adopted. The last report of the New Zealand Post office, it should be noted, shows that the introduction of the change will cost New Zealand from sixty to seventy thousand pound sterling annually. The Postmaster General New Zealand, cabled:—"New Zealand introduces universal penny postage 1st January, befitting commemoration new century confident your reciprocating. I send greetings on forging another link in chain of Empire." The reply from the Director-General, Indian Post office, ran:—"Hearty congratulations on New Zealand joining Imperial Penny Postage. India fully prepared reciprocate. No link more enduring than cheapened communication by post."

The special war correspondent at the Cape of a local daily writes that the authorities at St. Helena have unearthed a few chests of obsolete St. Helena stamps with and without surcharges These stamps are being sold at 75 per cent over face value. It is reported that over £40,000 worth of stamps have already been sold, and should any of your readers be inclined to have a set, they should lose no time in applying for the same. Considering the price the stamps are catalogued by Stanley Gibbons, any successful deal would mean "good biz." as your neighbours say. Let us hope there will be a fall in St. Helena's.

THE CANADA STAMP SHEET is the title of an interesting monthly, of which two numbers have appeared, hailing from Quebec. It is published by Mr. W. G. L. Paxman, of the Canada Stamp Co., and is devoted to the interests of the collector of British North American stamps. A more extended review has been crowded out, we have merely room to wish the new comer a long and prosperous career.

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Editorial.

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CANADIAN LOCALS.

Our article on the so called Montreal locals has created a wide spread interest, and many correspondents have written to us on the subject. We have much pl easure in publishing in this number an account of a "local" said to have been used in British Columbia in 1897, written by Mr. Basil G. Hamilton of Winnipeg. From the facts as related by Mr. Hamilton we would gather that this 5 cent tax was put upon letters handed to the officers of the company's line of steamers, with the object of discouraging the entrusting of correspondence to their care, rather than an attempt to compete with the regular Government service. Such letters would of course have to be also prepaid by Canadian stamps if they were to be delivered at any post office ; the stamp might be considered as a kind of special delivery one used perhaps on letters not in time for the regular mail routes, or to or from points at which these may have been no Postal service. If this surmise, should turn out to be correct, as on further investigation we think it will, these labels would rank as of a similar class to the "Barnard Cariboo express" stamps, or the Western Franks of the United States, which represented a supplementary charge for a service for which the Post Office Department did not provide. Those who are familiar with the history of the Wells Fargo and other express companies franks, know that they were the pioneers of postage stamps, and represented a service, which in the then unsettled state of the country, particularly in mining districts, the Government did not and could not provide. These franks have been much neglected of late years by philatelists, although they form one of the most interesting chapters in the history of postage stamps. Possibly other similar labels may upon investigation turn up from the British Columbia or Yukon mining districts, and as to Mr. Hamilton belongs the honor of unearthing a stamp which we believe has been hitherto unknown to philatelists, we trust he will pursue his investigations further for his own satisfaction and the good of the philatelic cause. We thank Mr

Hamilton for his most interesting communication and hope to have more from his pen.

REFERENCES.

The working of Philatelic Societies, or as they are called in England—Stamp exchange clubs—is a topic of discussion in the columns of our English contemporaries. Various abuses are pointed out and suggestions offered for their remedy by persons experienced in the management of such societies. In America we have the same difficulties to contend with, but there is one custom that prevails amongst our societies that should be stopped, if membership in a society is to be of any value. We allude to the way in which "references" are given. During the past few weeks there has reached our office over ten requests asking us to join as many different societies, some coming from persons almost entirely unknown to us, but in every case a blank application form was enclosed, to be filled in by the applicant, and in every case on the line marked—references—was to be found the signature of some officer of the society, and in several cases a second name signed on the line below, so that no matter into whose hands this form might fall, be he the most dishonest scamp, it was only necessary to fill in a genuine or fictitious name and address, answer one or two simple questions, send the form in to the secretary, and in due course the applicant is admitted to the select circle of philatelists endorsed by the most influential names on its board of direction. Applications which come to us with references signed in blank as nearly all do, are consigned to the waste paper basket, we cannot conceive how any self respecting philatelist, would care to associate himself with a society whose membership was formed in so loose unbusiness like a manner. A man who will sign a reference on a blank form, to be filled up he knows not by whom, is not worth having as a reference. His signature is a worthless one because he himself has no respect for it. What would be thought of a man who would send out broad cast bank checks signed in blank to be filled up at the receiver's pleasure? Simply that a signature on such a check would be of no value.

Many of our societies are too eager to increase their their membership, and adopt questionable methods to attain this object. Better far a small select society, whose members can have confidence one in another, and who are willing to contribute enough to defray the necessary working expenses, than one with a wide spread list of membership, attracted to it because it is cheap, or perhaps because it gives the dishonest a chance to prey upon the honest.

Our Cook Islands correspondent, Mr. Ralph W. Gosset, informs us that he has been appointed chief postmaster of the Islands. The readers of the MONTREAL PHILATELIST, as well as the Editor and Publisher unite in congratulating Mr. Gosset upon his promotion.

Mr. Gosset's promised exhaustive paper on the stamps of Cook Islands is nearing completion and we hope to publish the first instalment in our next number. The compiler of the article, having unusually good sources of information, and knowing how to properly use them, this will undoubtedly be the most complete history yet written in regard to these stamps.

The *Philatelic Advocate*, without questioning any of our statements of fact in regard to stamp illustrations, still claims a victory upon the field from which it fled, and indulges in some slangy, vulgar abuse, which is really beneath our notice. It makes one statement in regard to us which is quite incorrect, when it states "the editor of the M. P. wrote to the P. M. G. for permission" to publish our

usual illustrations of stamps. The editor of this paper has had no correspondence whatsoever, with the Post Office Department on this matter. Our publisher had, and in that correspondence notified the Department that he declined to relinquish his right to illustrate stamps, taking the ground that such illustrations were not imitations in the sense contemplated by the P. O. Act. Consequently there could be no possibility of our feeling galled at not getting a permission we did not care to ask for, and which as a matter of fact was not required. As our contemporary the *Advocate* fails to appreciate the mission of the press to lead and form public opinion, and to maintain public rights, to discuss topics of interest to its readers, to avoid personalities, treating of measures not men, we are quite certain that it at least will never wag the world, philatelic or otherwise.

A TRUE CANADIAN LOCAL.

By Basil C. Hamilton, Winnipeg, Man., October 8th, 1900.

In the article in the MONTREAL PHILATELIST of September regarding Montreal local stamps, there occurs the statement "No genuine locals have ever been used in Canada." As the article is simply a condensed reproduction of one written in 1872, possibly the statement may have referred to that period. If so, so be it; but in case it was intended also to apply to the present, I wish to point out that there was a local issued in Canada in 1897 which the proprietors claim was in use during that year and a specimen of which I enclose.

It appears the Upper Columbia Tramway and Navigation Company, operating a line of steamers on the Columbia river from Golden, B. C. to Windemere, were contractors for carrying the mail to and from those points and for Fort Steele; but in 1897 the contract was awarded to a firm who put on a line of stages; some of the people would not be broken off from the old style, at times more convenient, and persisted in handing letters to officers and crew of the boat to be delivered. In order to put a stop to this the Co'y. had stamps printed, a 1,000 in number, in blocks of 20, four rows of five, which sold for $1 per block and one stamp was supposed to be affixed to every letter posted on the boat. The particulars I have given I gleaned from Mr. Parson who is the secretary of the company, during a visit made in 1898. He admitted the greater portion of the blocks were then on hand and I saw in his office, at Golden, B. C., many of the sheets four of which he sold me at cost price.

Now for the other side of the statement about their being at one time in use. I spent four and a half months that summer under canvas among the mountains and though I made enquiries of all the settlers whom I met, few of them had ever seen the stamps in use, some of them had never heard of them. Enquiries from the postmasters gave me assurance that some letters had passed through their hands, bound for other parts, bearing both the local and government stamps, but for where bound,—"Well! they did not just remember." They did not remember seeing many.

The secretary admitted that he had at one time taken an interest in stamp collecting, and though he did not say so, recollections of his earlier pleasures may have moved him to start the Company's locals, at any rate the statement is made good by his word and that of the postmaster at Windermere that there were some of these locals used for the purpose of paying the postage on the Company's boat.

MAFEKING SIEGE STAMPS.

The following questions were put to the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*:

(1) Are these stamps being taken up by genuine collectors, or merely by those bitten with the "War Curio Craze"? (if I may be allowed the expression).

(2) Is there any official authority for their issue or are they, as many think, a

purely speculative issue? (They may be, like the Z. A. R. Vryburg's, unauthorised.)

(3)Why were so many varieties needed (I can vouch for the fact that there are 19 different sorts at present on the market); and why was it necessary to surcharge all, except what may be termed the Baden-Powell types, with a higher value?

They were submitted by that magazine to Mr. J. R. F. Turner, who probably knows as much about the Mafeking stamps as anybody in England. That gentleman makes the following reply in the columns of the *P. J. of G. B.* September number.

1. Mafeking Besieged stamps are undoubtedly being eagerly sought after by genuine collectors all over the country, and I know of several cases where people who had stopped buying stamps for a year or two have invested in Mafeking stamps, and are now again quite keen collectors. On the other hand, people who have not hitherto had the slightest sympathy with Philately, and have frequently disparaged the hobby, suddenly find themselves, owing to the acquisition of a few Mafeking stamps, quite interested parties, and in some cases they will undoubtedly develop into ardent stamp collectors. In fact, Baden-Powell, when he instituted the siege stamps, especially the 3d. value bearing his own portrait, inadverdently gave Philately the best advertisement it has ever had. The effects of this advertisement will be of a very far-reaching character, and it is safe to predict after the war is over, such a boom in British South African stamps as has never before occurred in the stamps of any other country. There are, however, a limited number of collectors who decry the Mafeking stamps for all they are worth, but I find that in practically every case these people have failed to get hold of any of the stamps. In other words the grapes are very sour.

2. The amount of ignorance displayed regarding the internal state of Mafeking during the siege is quite remarkable. As the town was under martial law, the military authorities took precedence over the civic authorities, and Baden-Powell became practically a dictator in its true Roman sense. *He* was the authority for issuing stamps, and it would be impossible for anyone fully conversant with law to question or impugn his authority. The Post Office at Mafeking became directly under his control: he had a perfect right to issue stamps and to institute a special service of native runners. These latter were paid by the Government Authorities exercising full control over the Post Office. It has been stated that as much as £25 was paid to one of these runners. I see no reason to question this assertion. B.P. may have had a most urgent message to send to Plumer, the importance of which justified an ontlay of £25. There is, however, no doubt that the average native runner usually received a very small sum for carrying letters through the Boer lines. Each runner would receive one packet of from 50 to 80 letters, sometimes less than 50. These were taken directly to Buluwayo, and a gentleman just returned from Rhodesia who was on intimate terms of friendship with the Postmaster at Buluwayo, tells me he not infrequently saw these mails as they came in from Mafeking.

It is quite untrue to say that the issue was entirely speculative. The Post Office was only open to the public one hour during each morning, and residents who wished to communicate with their friends in the outer world had to leave their letters at the Post Office during that hour. Each letter was weighed, and the sum charged for its transmission was written on the envelope, stamps to the value of this amount *being affixed by one of the clerks.* Unused stamps could not be purchased at the Post Office, and those few that have since appeared on the market were either obtained surreptitiously through one of the clerks at the P.O. or else went through the post uncancelled. I have seen several that fall within this latter category.

3. Mafeking, though formerly in British Bechuanaland, some few years ago was transferred to the jurisdiction of the Cape of Good Hope. Consequently at the outbreak of hostilities it was not surprising to find that the P.O,, possessed both Bechuanaland and Cape stamps.

A long siege had not been anticipated, the prevalent opinion being that the war would be over by Christmas. When however March arrived and there was no prospect of immediate relief, the P.O. found it necessary to husband its resources. The stock of stamps on hand was a small one, and for the most part consisted of ½d. and 1d. values. As the minimum charge for the postage of a letter *via* North was 1s. and *via* South 6d., the latter route being very seldom used, in order to make the stamps last more than twice as long as they otherwise

would have done, they were *all* surcharged a higher value. As it was quite impossible to know how long the siege would still last, B.P. was certainly justified in increasing the value of his stock of stamps in this way, and to guard against a possible shortage, he instituted two special stamps. One, known as the cyclist stamp, has "Local Post" at the foot, and was purely for local purposes, letters so franked being delivered in any part of Mafeking by members of the Cadet Corps. The other stamp the "Baden Powell" 3d. merely has "Postage" at the foot and helped to frank letters anywhere, either in or outside Mafeking. I have seen several envelopes bearing four of these stamps sent from Mafeking (Cape of Good Hope) to Buluwayo (Rhodesia), and I also know of letters sent to England bearing the B.P. stamp, in fact, I possess one myself. Siege stamps were instituted on March 23, and the relief of the town took place on May 17, but despite the methods Baden-Powell adopted to increase his stock of stamps, it is stated in a communication I have received from the Post-Master General of the Cape of Good Hope that the whole of the stock of the stamps were sold at Mafeking prior to the relief of the town.

J. R. F. TURNER.

NOTES FROM NEW ZEALAND.

Our esteemed friend Mr. H. Bolitho of Auckland, New Zealand who occasionally furnishes us with interesting news, has sent us the *New Zealand Herald* containing a complete report of the Postal and Telegraph Department of the colony. Some of the most important items will no doubt interest our readers :

The Postmaster-General, in his annual report on the working of his Department, says :—It has been determined to introduce a universal penny letter post in this colony from January 1st next. The beginning of the new century will fittingly mark the event, which should give widespread satisfaction and prove an epoch in the history of the colony. New Zealand will, by this reform, be placed in the forefront of the civilised countries of the world. Not only in the colony, but throughout the Empire, the penny post will be hailed as an inestimable boon, and, judging from the enormous increase in the volume of correspondence which has followed the cheapening of postage rates in New Zealand in the past, only a few years should elapse before the financial loss incurred at the outset is largely, if not entirely, made up.

INCREASED BUSINESS.

The year has been one of activity without parallel in the history of the Department, the volume of business fully reflecting the general prosperity of the colony. Work on the postal side has increased very steadily in every branch. Letters show an addition of 7.61 per cent., while letter-cards and post-cards continue to go beyond the most sanguine estimate. The traffic which has for the two previous years showed an increase in the number of telegrams of 8.07 and 10.05 per cent. respectively, has still further increased by 16.25 per cent.

NEW POSTAGE STAMPS.

The halfpenny, penny, and twopence halfpenny labels are now issued in the colors decided upon at the Washington Convention, namely, green, red, and dark blue respectively. The designs and colors of the penny and fourpenny values have been transposed, and the color of the twopenny changed from claret to violet. Watermarked paper has been used for the halfpenny stamps, and similar paper is to be procured for the other varieties. A one penny halfpenny postage stamp die is now being engraved. Postage due stamps have been in use for some months, replacing the unpaid postage dockets. Stamped envelopes have been printed by the Government printer from electrotypes cast from postage stamp dies, but these have been found to be costly and unsatisfactory. Embossed dies have therefore been cut, and envelopes, bearing Her Majesty's effigy, in raised white are now on sale. The halfpenny die is octagonal with green background, the penny and twopenny circular, with red and violet background respectively. Post cards, showing on the address side views of New Zealand scenery, and also cards with representations of incidents, etc., in connection with the departure of the New Zealand contingents to South Africa, were issued. The latter were very popular.

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I am sorry to have had to keep, so long, the lots that *were* sent in.

Hoping many members will turn their attentlon to this department.

I remain, Fraternally yours,
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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

I beg to remind Members that dues for the current year are now payable, and that by sending the amount without further notice they would benefit the funds of the Society and save trouble for the Secretary. It is gratifying to state that many members have already paid them, showing the interest they take in the Society.

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The names of the references of the last named gentleman were omitted in last report. W. K. Hall and Wm. V. de Wettern.

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Orange River Colony (late Orange Free State) and **Transvaal** (late South African Republic) have been rewritten and brought up to date, and removed from the body of this volume and placed at the end as a SUPPLEMENT to PART I., BRITISH EMPIRE, to which volume it will be transferred in the next edition.

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" Jubilee 50c	20
" " ½c and 6c new	40
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" Numerals ½c black per 100 ($2 per 1000)	22
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" 50c used	25
Gold Coast 1884, 2sh C. A cat 50c used	22
Netherlands 1 Gulden Coronation used	18
New Zealand 1900, ½d, 1d, 2d new	12
Dominica 1886, ½d on 6d new	30
Tobago 1882, 1d red brown new	25
P. E. Island 2d, 3d, 4d new	25
" 1c, 2c, 4c, 6c, 12c new	50
Creto 1900, 1l to 2 dr new	1.65
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N. Borneo 1897, 1c to 8c—6 var. cat. 29c used	13
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do 1870, 3c laid paper, used	2 50
do 1859, 17c blue used	65
do 1855, ½ pence imperf, used	2 25
do do ½ do perf. fine, unused	9 00
do do ½ do strip of three unused, almost perfect	18 00
do 1859, 2c pink, unused	1 10
do do do used	50
do $1 Jubilee, used	75
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do 1863, 2 pence lake, unused	6 00
do 1866, 10c black, unused	1 25
do 1867, 1c violet, used	90
do 1866, 5c brown, used, fine	5 00
do 1863, 4 pence lake, used	2 75
do 1876, 2c rouletted, used	40
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Brit. South African Co, 1£ on original cover, very fine	5 75
Briti, Cent. Africa, £1 1895, used, fine	7 00
New South Wales 5s, 1860, used	90
British East Africa, 4 rupees 1896, unused	1 90
do 1897, 5 annas used (Scott No 100)	2 00
Mauritius 1879, 17c unused	50
do do 2 R 50c unused	1 50
British Central Africa 1897, 3s unused	90
Sierre Leone 1861, 6 pence violet, unused	2 75
Gibraltar 1895, 2 pesetas, unused	45
U. S. 1895, $2 used	1 20
Liberia 24c 1880, unused	25
India 8a on H. M. S. 1868, unused, fine	1 90
Cape of Good Hope 1891, 1s unused	75
Tasmania 3 pence 1871, unused red brown	1 00
St. Helena 1864, 5s orange, unused	2 00
Egypt 1897, 5 pia gray unused, sur. Soudan	60
Brazil 1894, 500 R, unused	15
do 1894, 2000 R do	55
New South Wales 1855, 10s Rev. sur. Postage and used postally	2 75
Victoria 10s rev. used postally (Scott's No. 327)	1 20
U. S. $10 rev black, 1899	1 00
South Bulgaria 20 paras black and rose	1 00
Col. Rep. (Antioquia) 1896, 2 pesos, unused	1 50
do do do 5 do	4 00
British Guiana 1876 6c chocolate, unused	1 75
Set of Orange River Col. ½d, 1d and 2d sur. V. R. I., unused	40
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Set of British North Borneo 1897, 1 to 24c comp.	60
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" 50 and 80 reis, the pair	08
" 50 reis blue paper, cat 75c.	35
1878, 10 and 50 reis	05
" 200 reis, black	12
1882-85, 50, 100 and 200 reis, *head.*	09
1887, 300, 500 and 1000 reis	25
1894-97, 700 and 1000 reis	15
200 on 100 reis, violet of 1890	10
300 on 200 reis, black of 1889	10
2000 on 1000 reis, yellow of 1889	70
2000 on 1000 reis, brown of 1889	70
Queensland, 1869, 1sh pen, canc.	30
" 1879, 1sh "	25
Uruguay, 1884, 1 on 10c	08
" 1891, 5c "provisorio"	03
" 1892, 5 on 7c	06
" 1892, 4 varieties	05
Canada, 1857, ½p, new	4 25
" 1851, 3 pence	18
" 1851, 3 pence laid	70
" 1851, 3 pence ribbed	65
" 1851, 6 pence	4 00
" 1851, 12 pence	200 00
" 1857, 7½ pence	13 00
" 1855, 10 pence	4 50
1859, 5c beaver, new	25
1859, 12½ green	20
1868, 1c brown and yellow	35
1868, 15c red lilac, *new*	25
1869-93, ½ to 50c	40
" " new	1 80
Canada, 1897, comp. set new	70
" 1897, " used	45
" 1898, " new	50
" 1898, " used	20
Nova Scotia, 1sh	69 00
Newfoundland, 4 p lake	50
" 1sh lake	85
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NEWS OF THE MONTH.

In the absence of the editor in chief the task of informing our readers of the latest new issues has been done by the sub editor. Naturally his absence will be felt this month. The list of new issues to be reported in the M. P. is short. The reason is, that although several of the best papers are only *now* giving information about new stamps having appeared, which we have reported in former numbers. The 3 mark Germany is reported, by several English papers, as having just been issued. We know of a certain dealer in this city who has *sold* these stamps for the last two months.

ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

BRITISH HONDURAS. — (*5 cent, color changed*). A correspondent informs us that the 5 cent now comes printed, grey-black and blue, on pale blue paper.

CHINA.—(*10c change of color*). From *L'Alliance Timbrologique*, we learn that the current 10c stamp has been changed from green to lilac.

CONGO FREE STATE.—(*50c change of color*) The current 50c centimes now comes printed in olive and black, instead of green and black, as formerly

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. — (*New set*). The *Era* reports that the stamps about which we made mention in our September number have been issued. The set consists of following :

¼	centavo	blue	10	centavos	orange
½	"	red	20	"	mauve
1	"	olive	50	"	black
2	centavos	green	1	peso	pale-brown.
5	"	red-brown.			

FERNANDO PO.—(*Entire new set, same design as former series*). The yearly emission of Spain's only colony is reported as having been issued :

1	mil	black	6	centavos	red orange
2	"		8	"	bronze green
3	"		10	"	claret
4	"		15	"	dark violet
5	"		20	"	olive brown
1	centavo	green	40	"	brown
2	centavos	violet	60	"	green
3	"	carmine	80	"	deep blue
4	"	black brown	1	p	red brown
5	"	bright blue	2	p	Turkish red.

FRANCE.—(*Variety of the current 50c*). Mr. L. E. Trudeau, of this city has shown us the current 50 centimes rose, printed in Type I, ie I. N, V. under the B of Republique.

GREECE.—(*Provisional 20 lepta*). We have been informed that the current 25 lepta has been surcharged as follows :

ΛΕΠΤΑ (Lepta)
20

It is interesting to note that is the first time that the stamps of this country have been surcharged.

HONG KONG.—(*New stationary*). We illustrate the new design of the envelope and give a full list of the new stationery that has appeared for this colony.

Envelopes, 1c orange on white laid
" 2c green on " (two sizes)
" 4c rose on "
" 5c lilac on "
" 10c blue on "
" 4c rose on grey wove

Envelopes, 5c lilac on grey wove
" 10c blue on "
Registration Envelope 10c violet.

A 4c adhesive has been issued in carmine, former color, grey.

INDIA.—(*Orcha*). Several stamps from this native state are being reported by the European papers. We illustrate the ½ anna.

½ a blue
½ a magenta
1 a green
½ a bright green (envelope)

There seems to be much doubt about the authencity of the issue.

MALTA.—(*New 1sh 4d*). Several of our English contemporaries report the issue of this stamp 1sh 4d red brown, view of Valletta.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.—(*New ½ penny stamp.* The current half penny Cape of Good Hope stamp has been surcharged Orange River Colony.

We have received a specimen of this stamp, kindly sent us by the Editor of *Ewen's Weekly* stamp news.

PARAGUAY.—(*Telegraph stamps used for postage*). We see by *Gibbons M. J.* that the current 30, 40 and 50 centavos, telegraph stamps are being used for postal purposes, the 30 and 50c have been surcharged 5 and 10c respectively. We illustrate ths 5 on 30c.

PERAK.—*New Provisional sureharge Three Cents on 50c.*) We see by the November number of the *Stamp Collector*, that this value has been issued.

SERVIA.—(*Change of paper.*) *McKeel's Weekly* announces two more values of the current set printed on *white* paper (formerly on *silk*) 20 paras orange, 25 paras blue.

TURKS ISLAND.—(*New Pictorial set*). We learn from the S. C. F.. that the following stamps have been issued. The design consists of a sailing vessel in an oval frame :

½d green
1d rose
2d black brown
2½d blue
4d orange.
6d violet
1sh purple brown
2sh violet
3sh brown lake

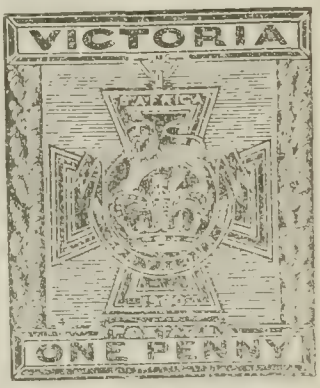
The two highest values are in a larger size than the lower denominations.

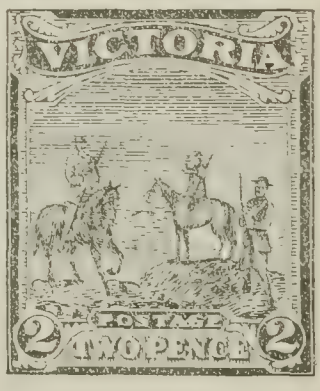
URUGUAY.—(*New Pictorial set.*) The *Am. J. of P.* is amongst the first to report an intended, new set, to consist as follows.

1c green "A herd of cattle"
2c red Genius of Agriculture
5c blue " Uruguay
7c orange " Fertility of the country
10c violet, "commerce controlling the cattle industry of the country."

SPECULATIVE STAMPS AND COUNTERFEITS.

The stamps described under this heading, we would advise collectors to avoid, as they are manufactured either by official authority or by private individuals for their own gain at the expense of Philatelists.





VICTORIA.—We illustrate the war Fund stamps which have been several times spoken of in this column. Although their face value is but 1d and 2d they are sold as souvenirs, for 1 and 2 shillings, the surplus receipts over the postage value going into the patriotic fund for the relief of sufferers by the Transvaal war.

WINNIPEG PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Address by Mr. Basil Hamilton,

at a recent meeting.

Now that a philatelic society has been formed in the city it is essentially necessary to its success that all its members should put their shoulder to the wheel and push it along as best they may. It is the duty of every member, be he old or young, weak or strong, to give the best aid he can, but the older fellows in the study of the art of philately graduates of its university, those who have long since taken their degree, must not only push with their shoulder on the wheel of the society's wagon, but with hand in gesture and voice in tone give encouragement to the young stamp collectors both inside and outside the ranks and must show to the starters of all ages, groping their way in the dark labyrinths of a beginning, the right paths to take to find the secret pleasure which lies hid as a prize in the interior of the great maze of stamp collecting.

Like every other organization it is from the undisciplined hands of the young that the recruits will have to come to fill in the great fighting ranks and so, though the chief object in the establishing of the society was to give a regular meeting for exchange of stamps and ideas amongst those who are already well advanced, we must never forget that we have other objects, that if we do not aid the young and make recruits, the numbers of established collectors will decrease by natural causes and the society become lifeless then disintegrate, Recruits must be added and those amongst us who are weak in knowledge must have our education perfected. Let us follow this up.

What is proposed to night is to give out a few ideas of how the beginner in the collecting of stamps should proceed. A mere expression of individual ideas to form the groundwork for a discussion of the subject by those who are here present.

Every advanced collector has had his own peculiar experience common to the decade in which he started to collect and the peculiar circumstances which surrounded him. All will be able to give additional light on every theory now advanced.

It is surprising how an individual becomes a stamp collector. It is not generally by choice but by accident. He imbibes the idea of collecting in his earliest youth, much the same as he gets his ideas of the religion or the stripe of politics he will wear. The difference between the way he acquires his religion and politics, and those on stamp collecting is that he gets the tenets of religion and politics from his parents while the fever of stamp collecting is contagious and the chances are he contracts it from an elder companion. Like epidemics of childhood the possibility is that if not a victim in his teens he will never contract the fever of stamp collecting. The missionary work of the society's members has to be done amongst the quite young.

What is there for the young to collect? Going back 20 years collecting was not at all common in Canada, and little research had been made amongst the deposits of old records and letters, stored up by business men and relatives. These deposits formed a stumping ground for the young collector and with a little research he could get all kinds of varieties of Canadian stamps of varying values. These old deposits have now been pretty well cleared out in the east. Here in the west the population of the country, except in very modern times has been limited, so the accumulation of old letters must be exceedingly rare, however those who have relations amongst the natives and earlier inhabitants of the country might easily be rewarded by a search in family garrets and old trunks long since forgotten. I have yet to hear of any large find of a deposit of letters yet being made in the west and for this reason am pretty certain first, that the real deposits are few, second, that but little, or no, research has been carried on for those which do exist. Letters are now too plentiful and commonplace in their literary style to be hoarded, few are kept except those of business and it is quite the exception to retain them in their envelopes. The consequence is that once an issue of Canadian stamps becomes obsolete it is hard for the gatherer to obtain any, except by purchase from dealers, or exchange with hoarding local collectors. The very scarceness of even the nearby late issues will reward the search among past archives, if only they are found and not any of the real gems. Since 1897 new issues have been coming on with Kalidescope quickness. Taking from that date the changes in the Canadians figure the old style of the small picture of the Queen's head taken of her when a young woman, the departed register stamps, the Jubilee issue, the maple leaf issue, the surcharged

and the numerals, to say nothing of varieties, and present issue, the gathering of which alone will make a good start for a collection. Nor has the shuffle nearly come to an end, several new varieties are on the tapis and we must all remember the solemn, though uncertain, quantity involved by the fact that our Gracious Sovereign is now in her 82nd year.

Having secured the used varieties of the present issue of Canadians the beginner should commence work with them for a foundation, and under build, as it were, by striving to get anterior issues, while at the same time, keep on with the race by adding to the still unsorted lot, all the common foreign ones which are so innumerable that may cross the path. Keep a constant eye on the post office for changes, for the first thing you know there will be some fluke issue such as the purple 2c envelope, or the 8c Jubilee scare, worked upon you and you will be left lamenting. Never hesitate about buying several copies of a stamp of new issue whose value does not exceed 20c.

Having a few stamps. do not rush about to get an expensive album, or even a cheap one to stick them in, but content yourself for the first few hundred stamps with a 5c scribbler. and by means of hinges, or stickers, obtainable at 10c a thousand, fasten them in under the country's head to which you think they belong, having a care in the arrangement of the impromptu album to divide the countries of the eastern from those of the western hemisphere.

The purchase of your stickers brings you into your first contact with a dealer, and then you have passed the threshold of the maze, you are a Junior Member a first degree man of the great craft of stamp collectors. Your interest from now is established and you long to learn the hidden mysteries of the order.

There is one great book, open to all the faithful, the study of which will open many a locked door and explain matters that it took your old predecessors long years to learn. This key to stamp collecting, this almost essential volume, is a stamp catalogue obtainable from 58c up. It is full of interesting matters. If it is in the English language it will contain a cut of every stamp ever issued except those of the Country of the publisher of the volume, and give most exhaustive particulars as to each of its varieties, and the price at which every stamp is obtainable from the firm who issue the book. Take advice, use all the information the book contains except the price. The price is most deceptive. Later you will make use of the price part for exchange purposes, but for the present abandon it. Now that you are into the toils of the stamp dealer your expenditure begins, but be very careful how you spend, or you are likely to rue it. The best way is to land with a 25c package, which will comprise 1,000 mixed stamps, possibly 150 different kinds. This will keep you sorting and thinking for many a day. It is not generally advised, but my experience has proved it to be wise, to follow this with another cheap packet, at the same time get some blank approval sheets. To the sheets affix a tempting display of stamps blending colors well, and price them at say ½ a cent each. These you may use for trading, or for sale, and you'll soon net your investment. Passing on, buy a 50c. packet and repeat the process and you will be surprised to find yourself with an astonishing quantity of unsorted stamps.

The next process is to remove the pieces of paper which have adhered to the specimens when affixed for postage, most of these will come off with a few minutes soaking in a basin of water. There are two countries to be careful of, these are Russia and the early Japanese, if these stamps are moistened the color will come off them on the touch, just like a decalcomine. Most of the others are safe. Avoid putting any stamps into your mouth, to remove their backs, as you would poison, besides being a filthy habit there is no saying what disease you may contract from the dried saliva. Backs peeled stick the stamps all in your scribbling book, arranging them in countries, according to the pictures in the catalogue. With very little practice you will get to learn the country to suspect as being the stamp's owner. A word in English, or a familiar one in French, a postmark of some well known place, the distinguishing coat of arms of the country, these will become your guides for generalities and from them your knowledge will gradually extend.

Quantity secured and roughly arranged it is time to look out for quality and intelligent arrangement. To accomplish this the first requirement is a new album. Of albums their variety is legion, from the 25c kind with crude wood cuts of the leading stamps of various countries rudely bunched and forming in all the space

covered by about three countries of a good album, to the books for assortment that run into several volumes and contain pictures of all the stamps issued (except the one in which the work is published) with all their many varieties, put up in elaborate style. For those who can afford the cost there is an album which stands above a parallel. Its pages are of heavy paper indented in a wide cardboard frame, it has blank spaces for the stamps and its binding is so arranged that any page may be removed and a limited number of new pages added. Its cost is according to its excellence, far above its fellows. Abandoning the small albums first mentioned as most pernicious and the expensive as too dear, brings us down to the variety obtainable at all the way from one dollar to fifteen dollars, of a fixed number of pages, bearing illustrations which are right up to date for the time of publication These are good if it were the intention and only possible for the collector to gather all the stamps shown within one year then drop the hobby for ever. If he attempts to continue the pursuit, he is confronted with the objection of finding no space in the album alloted for succeeding issues. The only alternates offering being either not to collect further or stick the new stamps about on the page margains, or as is possible with the expensive kinds of album buy the supplement at the end of the year. The subject is one that yet remains to be settled to the satisfaction of all collectors and forms a very vexed question. What strikes me as the best solution for a new collector, is to buy two well bound large volumes, one for each hemisphere, with a line border around every page, to act as guide, and place the stamps according to the catalogue, allowing very liberal spacing and leaving no room for rare gems which are practically unobtainable. Under the head of rare gems you may easily place any stamp cataloguing $5 or over, as the number that will fall into your hands except by direct purchase are extremely few and easily accommodated at any time. In fact it is just a question whether it is wise to put valuable stamps hung on by a slight hinge, which in a collection which is to be handled, without question by chance acquaintanEes. It is doubtful if it does not offer temptation to remove, too strong at times to be resisted. By using a book of blank pages you will overcome the bad feature already instanced of having no places for stamps of a new issue, you will avoid the everlasting eyesore of ugly uncovered wood cuts in your album, which you never have even a hope of covering, and if you have an artistic inclination you will be given a scope for it, in placing your stamps in slightly different position to the regulation rows, and there will remain much unused space that may be tastefully decorated by a ready hand with tracery, or fine scroll work.

Album and stamps secured the next thing is to fasten the stamps in position. This may be done in three ways at least, two of which were most popular. The two varieties almost obsolete are, to cut short slits in a page at points representing the position of the corners of a stamp and insert the stamp corners into the slits, the other is to paste the stamps down flat. A third way which is now almost universal is to fasten the stamps into position with hinges. (Narrow strips of tough paper specially gummed.) Of the first way mentioned it has no advantages, and involves a lot of labor. The second has a great many advantages over the hinge fastening the chief being that it is impossible for a thief to remove a stamp with ease, and it removes the danger of stamp corners being bent over in the turn of leaves, or the smashing down of perforation points. The objections to the pasting in may be listed under the danger of the stamp's color being destroyed through the use of bad gum, the difficulty in taking a stamp from out of our album to place in another or inserting a better copy and being unable to examine the flat pasted stamp for watermarks. The fastening in by hinges presents the two advantages of being open for examination and easy of removal, unfortunately too easy it has proved in many cases, and presents the had feature of being crushed at times by the careless turning of the albums leaves. On the whole if one is fully determined as not being in favor of devoting much time to the study of stamps, and not pulling in so much money as to tempt the selling of them in the future, after careful placing, it would be advisable to paste them in solid. These are very difficult matters to reach a conclusion in, so perhaps until some better method is thought out it will be wiser on the whole touse hinges. The change

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Editorial.

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Owing to the absence of our editor-in-chief our usual editorial article is suspended this month.

The *Philatelic Advocate* admits that it was mistaken when it stated that our Editor wrote to the P. O. Dept. for permission to use stamp cuts. It now asserts that it was our publisher but as neither editor or publisher nor any one else representing us wrote for such permission, we suppose the next thing the *Ph. Advocate* will be saying is that it was our office boy or perhaps our office cat.

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to the solid fastenings may be resorted to easily, at any time, but the change from the solid fastening to the hinge style is an entirely different matter, involving the loss of much time and gain of much worry, to say nothing of the risk of destruction of stamps in the process.

Only one more point remains. To be intelligent in stamp collecting as in any other pursuit of the present day, the collector must be up to date, you must read and exchange view with your confreres. To gain this end subscribe to a good stamp paper. There is not at the present time any stamp paper in Canada which issues more frequently than once a month. What a paper needs to make it a success is good men at its head and good public support to back them up. The excellence of men and their paper may be told by the number of years of the age of the publication. There are commendable monthlies in Canada the names of which the secretary knows already, or will find out if requested. I refer you to him. In the United States there are weekly papers whose names the secretary will also be able to furnish. Get one or more papers if possible, read them carefully and above all things join the Winnipeg Philatelic Society and take a rank amongst the most active members. This will bring you on in the service.

Publisher's note. A good way to add to one's collection without cost, is to exchange with other collectors. The MONTREAL PHILATELIST has a large foreign circulation. Look up the "Exchange Notices." We want all Winnipeg collectors to subscribe to the M. P. 25c a year, and a 30 word Exchange Notice inserted three times free.

TASMANIAN STAMPS THAT ARE STILL CURRENT.

(We reproduce the following from the *Stamp Collector*) :

It is a pecularity of the Australian Colonies that stamps thought to be obsolete are very often found to be still on sale side by side with those which are supposed to have snperseded them. In Tasmania, it appears, the following official list has just been issued of the Tasmanian stamps at present on sale at the Post Office at Hobart :—

Value.	Date of Issue.
Halfpenny	1892
One Penny	1899
Twopence	1899
Twopence halfpenny 1891, 2½d on 9d	1892
Threepence 1871, Platlpus	1880
Fourpence	1876
Fivepence	1892
Sixpence	1892
Eightpence	1878
Ninepence	1871
Tenpence 1870,	1899
One Shillings 1880, Platypus	1892
Two Shillings and Sixpence.. 1864,	1892
Five Shillings	1897
Ten Shillings 1864,	1892
One Pound	1897
Envelopes (2d), 2¼d each	
" Registered, 2 sizes, 3d each	
Post-cards, single, 1d each ; reply, 2d each	
Letter Cards, 2d each.	

The *Australian Philatelist*, a most valuable little monthly magasine published at Sydney, explains what would otherwise be a somewhat "unsatisfying" document by explaining the various items in the foregoing table.

The halfpenny value of 1892 is the bi-coloured stamp—orange and mauve.

The 1d and 2d of 1899 are in the pictorial issue (though we had thought these belonged to 1900).

The 2½d stamps listed are the second type of the surcharged on 9d, and the magenta stamp of the same type as the bi-coloured series.

THREEPENCE : The "1871" stamp is of similar type to the issue of that date, but it is in light Indian red, and printed on the second type of TAS paper .The platypus stamp was originally issued as a fiscal in 1880, and authorized for postal use in 1882.

FOURPENCE : This if of a similar type to the stamp of 1870, which was originally issued in blue, and changed to *yellow* in 1876. It was again changed to *brown* about 1891, printed on the first type of TAS paper, and subsequently printed on the second type of TAS paper in a much lighter shade of brown about 1896. This is the stamp on sale.

FIVEPENCE : The bi-coloured series, blue and brown.

SIXPECNE : Bi-coloured series, mauve and black.

EIGHTPENCE : De la Rue's print of 1878, Queen's head typə.

NINEPENCE : Similar type to the 8d Printed in light blue on the second type of Tas pape about 1898.

TENPENCE : The original print of 1870 on paper watermarked with the italic "10," colour black ; and the bi-coloured stamp of 1899.

ONE SHILLING : Platypus type authorised for postal used in 1882 ; and bi-coloured stamp, rose and green.

HALF-A-CROWN ; The stamp described as of the 1864 issue is the ST. GEORGE and dragon type, but printed on the second type of TAS paper, and authorised for postal use in 1882. The 1892 stamp is the bi-coloured one, brown and blue.

FIVE-SHILLINGS : Bi-coloured, lilac and red.

TEN SHILLINGS : The stamps described as of the 1864 issue is the ST. GEORGE and dragon type, but printed in salmon on paper watermarked double lined figure 1 ; re-issued and authorised for postal use in 1882. The 1892 stamp is the bi-coloured one, mauve and brown.

ONE POUND ; Bi-coloured, green and yellow.

The List contains not a few surprises, and we foresee a flow of philatelic orders to the Post Office of Hobart. Many of the stamps enumerated above must surely be "good to buy" at face value.

By PHILIP J. JOHNSON, HOBBIES.

Moncton, N.B. Canada,
1900.

Mr. W. J. Wurtele,
Montreal.

Dear Sir :—

Will you please insert enclosed "ad' in your Journal for which I enclose 25c, Would say, that the little Journal comes regularly and I enjoy it very much.

I. H. COWIE

PHILATELY AS AN AID TO CULTURE.

ANENT PRINCES AND RULERS.

How comes it that we search in vain in our Albums for the features of the rulers of some of the most important empires in the world? The Emperor of China, the Czar, the Kaiser, the Mikado, and the Sultan, are all alike unknown upon the philatelic page. The explanation of the exclusion of the last-mentioned from our royal portrait gallery is particularly interesting ; being, in fact, the operation of the Mohammedan law which forbids the use of effigies or pictures. Consequently, upon the coins and the earliest postage stamps of Turkey, instead of the profile or busts so usual in other countries. we have the paraph or sign-manual of the Sultan. But the objection may be raised that we have a full faced representation of the Shah upon the stamps of Persia, which also owns the sway of the Prophet And this elicits the fact that there are schims or divisions in the Moslem world as well as in Christiandom. The Sunnites, or authodox Musselmans, recognize the Sultan of Turkey as their chief, and conform strictly to the letter of the law. But the Persians belong to the Shiites, a sect of Mahometan dissenters, who claim greater liberty of action for themselves, and accordingly do not observe the prohibition.

Let us now turn back to the year 1862, and then we find that five emperors are depicted as reigning together in all the fullness of pride and power over Austria, Brazil, France, Mexico and Persia. And when we recall what has happened to each and every one of them since then, well may we explain with the Hebrew mourner—"How are the mighty fallen!" Little could any of them have forseen what the fates had in store either for himself or the others. At the above mentioned date, the shameful day had not arisen for unhappy Maximilian, when betrayed and deserted he should be led out between two of his faithful generals for execution as a malefactor. Napoleon III. had not dreamt of disaster and disgrace at Worth, or Gravelotte or Sedan, ushering in captivity and exile. Good, kind-hearted Dom Pedro, grown grey-headed in the service of his country, had not as yet been driven forth to die in banishment, far from the land which he had so long ann wisely ruled. Nor had Nasr-ədin, "King of Kings," been smitten down by the assassin's hand as he worshiped in his house of prayer. Of all the five, Francis Joseph alone remains, a solitary and heart-broken man, bewailing the tragic death of his only son, the cowardly murder of his wife, and crushed by the long series of woes that clung to the house of Hapsburg.

Though philately has not favored us with the likeness of Alexander II. of Russia, who was also foully slain, it does depict for us the features of the Sultan of Zanzibar, whose sudden demise was probably due to poisoning ; and latest and most lamented of all, King Humbert, of Italy, the friend of Great Britain, whose execrable murder terminated the life and labors of a noble-hearted sovereign, whose simple aim was his people's and his country's good.

But it is not only crowned heads which have been laid low by the assassin. Presidents of republics are not one whit more allowed to dwell in security, nor can the divergent nature and tenure of their office secure to them immunity from danger Abraham Lincoln and General Garfield—murdered presidents of the United States—are familiar to philatelists from the various issues of postage stamps which bear their features, And although the portrait of President Carnot does not figure upon the postage stamps of France the dastardly deed which closed his career has not been forgotten ; while, did space admit of the extension of the range of our subject to the repnblics of Central and South America, we could readily find further illustrations of the changes and chances of this mortal life amidst statesmen and rulers of the people.

EDWARD BELL, M.A.

Morleys Philatelic Journal.

NEW ZEALAND POST OFFICE STATISTICS.

The annual report of the New Zealand Post Office Department has just appeared and some very interesting statistics are given therein, as some will no doubt prove interesting to some of the readers, I cull a few which appear below :

The year's revenue was £497,245,16s,. 4d. The item stamps used for postage is £22,582 more than last year ; 35,032,452 letters were posted, equal to 46.31 per head of population, an increase of 2,566,578. The number of post offices open is 1,620, and new ones were established to the number of 67. The total number of officers on the staff is 3,473.

MILITARY SERVICE OF OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT.—Eleven officers of the department were accepted for service in South Africa with the New Zealand Contingents. The places of the officers will be kept open, and all their rights of seniority under the classification preserved until the return of the troops to the colony.

1,532 offices were inspected during the year, 24,994 miles being travelled by inspectors.

POSTAL DUES.—The first plates of all these stamps were cast from type-set blocks, but future issues of the stamps will be printed from engraved dies.

A 1½d postage stamp die is now being engraved.

The new Barr-Fyke cancelling machines lately purchased by the government are giving entire satisfaction.

The number of parcels dealt with by the colony is 223,350, weighing 765,836 pounds.

A parcel post system was established with the United States of America. Although the question of this exchange was mooted as far back as 1890, the authorities of the United States Post Office have only now been able to agree to the exchange. It is understood that New Zealand is the first of the Australasian colonies which is in the position of being able to send and receive parcels by post to and from the United States.

The penny post, Mr. Napier says, was a reform that could not be much longer delayed. It brings New Zealand into line with the United Kingdom, Canada, and other parts of the Empire, and will be a boon to the masses of the people, facilitating the interchange of family, social and business correspondence. He predicts a great increase in the number of letters carried by the Post Office after the change to the universal penny stamp takes place.

Mr. Napier thinks Auckland will greatly benefit through the energetic measures to be taken by the Government to develope the South Sea Island trade and he, believes a persistent effort to include Fiji, Tonga, and Rarotonga, as parts of New Zealand, would overcome the slight opposition of New South Wales, and be agreed to by Downing street.

Articles to the value of £5,532,14s,6d were found in letters opened in the dead letter office.

[illegible] newspapers were registered for transmission by post and seven ceased publication.

I see by the Auckland Star that the Cook Island Group and several of the neighbouring islands are to be annexed by the New Zealand government. The Governor has already left here to accomplish the annexation, when that is finished the Islands will be under the Postal Union, and according to its rules some if not all of the stamps will be changed.

VIVIAN C. GOSSET.

Only Russian stamps can now be legitimately used in Finland, but the Fins, as a sort of protest, have had special stamps printed, which of course have no franking powers, but which the irreconcilables affix to their correspondence. These labels have for a design the Arms of the Grand-Duchy, placed above, to the left; on the right of that is the word "SUOMI" (postage), and below, in large letters, "FINLAND." This is a poor substitute for the real article, but the Fins are said to be getting along *swimmingly*.

Mr. Kruger once had a very pretty knack of finding a scriptural text for everything. It is said that as he bid adieu to Mr. Van Alphen, the late Post-Master General of the Transvaal, he whispered in his ear a quotation from Shakespeare as follows:—

"I have done sin
For which the Heavens, taking angry note
Have left me *issueless*."

This brings us to a conundrum. What is the difference between the 1895 issue of the Transvaal and the Conservative majority?—One is the pole issue and the other is the issue of the poll!

PH. J. of G. B.

SOUTH AFRICAN STAMP NOTES.

Oudtshoorn, Cape of Good Hope.
Oct. 1st 1900.

I have seen several envelopes posted in one of the "British South African Field Post Offices," bearing the impression of a London Paid Stamp. Some of these Post Offices are evidently not supplied with postage stamps, as is seen by the amount of unstamped and therefore taxed letters passing through Cape Colonial Post Offices. This "Paid" Stamp has no doubt been supplied to make up for that deficiency.

About 8,000,000 of the O. F. S. surcharged V.R.I. Stamps were issued, of these 3,000,000 were pennys and 50,000 5s.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

This Society has now completed its second year and it must be very gratifying to the members generally to see its steady growth. We have admitted 115 new members and now have six more applications, and very few apparently dropping out. This healthy state of thing is in a great measure due to the indefatigable exertions of our worthy President. Mr. Wurtele and Mr. Magill have also added to our list. Of course the most pleasing feature was the joining of eleven members of "The Montreal Philatelic Association," which has done more to place the Society on a sound and satisfactory footing than anything else, all these gentlemen being well known in the Philatelic world. What little I have done personally, has been in the true interests of the Society, with the determination, if possible, of making it a suscess.

I hope all the members will do all they can to procure new names, and use the blanks which are sent them, from time to time, to advantage. Much can be done if every member will, "put his shoulder to the wheel." At the same time carefully peruse "References" in the October number of our excellent official organ, the "Montreal Philatelist."

N. SMITH, Sec.-Treas.

MEMBERS ADMITTED:

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SALES DEPARTMENT.

This Department has now been running twelve months and has so far worked very satisfactory. I now want to institute what I hope will prove some improvements in the working.

The practice of marking spaces simply with initials and sometimes in pencil at that, is not to my mind satisfactory. Such marks could be easily changed and are liable to be copied. I therefore propose to procure small rubber stamps with the initials of the society and numbered consecutively from one dollar upwards.

One of these will be supplied to each member on the circuit list at the nominal cost of 25c. each. This amount will be returned on any member applying for it and returning the stamp.

This arrangement will simplify my

checking and be more satisfactory in many ways.

I shall be glad to have orders for these rubber stamps without delay.

For the protection of members I would suggest that stamps be priced always in ink. Some members use pencil and this has proved itself to me to be a very dangerous practice.

Small report sheets will in future be enclosed in every circuit to be used by members in reporting and remitting for purchases.

Several circuits lately have taken a long time to get round, and although I have not enforced the fines, I shall be compelled to do so to cover expense of extra correspondence to members having stamps on circuit, as they naturally get impatient for the return of their stamps.

H. SMITH,
Sales Superintendent.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

I desire to acknowledge the receipt of the following donations for the Library:

From W. J. Wurtele.....	100
" R. I. Ellis.....	4
Previously acknowledged.....	133
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I am anxious to secure the first five numbers of the Montreal Philalelist in order that the Library may have a complete file of the official organ of the Society. Will members please look through their papers and see if they have any of these which they can spare, as I have a number of good duplicates in the library which I would be pleased to give in exchange for them.

A. R. MAGILL.

REVIEW OF THE VARIOUS PUBLICATIONS ISSEUD BY SOME OF OUR ADVERTISERS.

Wm. V. d. Wettern's latest price list has reached our office. It contains thousands of good stamps offered at very low prices. Mr. Wettern answers all letters by return mail, and for the convenience of customers accepts unused stamps (in good condition), in payment. The price list will be sent free to those applying for it.

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Stanton's Philatelic Index. — This handy work of reference, published by J. Stanton, 918 4th Ave, Detroit, Mich., should be in the hands of all collectors who take interest in the hobby. We congratulate Mr. Stanton on the success of his venture, in the way in which he has classified the different articles published in the Philatelic press.

The *New York Philatelist*, is doing good work, by exposing, every month, the evil transactions of the "stamp frauds."

If you are looking for really good stamps (no rubbish) look up the ads of the following dealers :

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Milwaukee, Wis., U.S.A.,
Oct. 22nd, 1900.

W. James Wurtele,
118 St. James St.,
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Sir :—

Please renew my subscription for the "Montreal Philatelist," beginning Nov. 1st, 1900. Enclosed please find amount for subscription.

Hoping to receive as much pleasure from the M. P. this coming year as I did in the year past, I remain,

An interested reader,
GEO. C. SULLIVAN.

Exchange Notices.

$5.00 Vive Camera and complete outfit to exchange for stamps or stamp sundries. R. G. PLEWS, Oak Lake, Manitoba. 2-4-5

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Exchange wanted all over the world, Rare for Rare, common for common, send 50 to 200 stamps. Exchanged by Sheets Preferred, I use Official Envelopes. HERM. GREMMEL, Muscatine, Ia., U. S. s3 4-6

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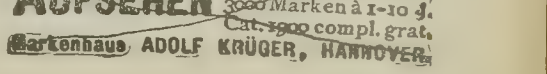

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NEWS OF THE MONTH.

Colonial expansion is well represented by this month's chapter of Philatelic history. Besides new issues for all German and French colonies and Foreign offices, two new British colonies are for the first time introduced to the stamp collector. Japan is also following up the lead of the European powers on similar lines. The long talked of Universal Penny post becomes an accomplished fact with the dawn of the new century, the progressive colony of New Zealand leading the way.

ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC. — (*Reported 15c. stamp*). It is reported by *L'Essor Philatelique*, that on account of a change of postal rate a 15 centavos stamp will shortly replace the current 12c.

AUSTRIA.—(*6 heller letter card*). A letter card of the value of 6 h. orange without any inscriptions, white inside and buff outside is announced.

BRITISH GUIANA.—(*48c color changed*) The 48c is reported as changed in color to dark grey and lilac brown instead of lilac and red.

CAYMAN ISLANDS. — (*Reported ½ d and 1d stamps*). Two stamps of the De la Rue type are reported for this group of islands, They are the ½d green and 1d rose and so far have only been seen in the official collections of the U.P.U. The islands consist of a group of three about 165 miles N. W. of Jamaica of which they have been a dependency. The population is only about 3000, so it is possible that these two stamps will be sufficient for all postal requirements which cannot be great. Jamaica stamps have hitherto been used on correspondence from these islands. We are not aware whether any changes have been made in the administration of these colonies, such as a separate issue of stamps would seem to indicate, and shall be glad to hear from our Jamaica correspondents on the subject.

CEYLON.—(*Official 3c and 15c stamps*). The new 3c green and 15c ultramarine have been surcharged ON SERVICE in black ink.

CAMEROONS. — (*Set of new colonial type*). The stamps for the German colonies, announced a year ago, representing by means of an ocean steamer, the idea of "Germany at sea," have according to our European contemporaries, at last been issued. The designs and colors are the same for all the colonies, the lower values being of the ordinary size, while the values of 1 mark and over are of a size corresponding to the high values of the Fatherland. As we shall illustrate the types a further discription is not necessary.

2pf grey	40pf black and rose
3pf brown	50pf black and violet on buff
5pf green	80pf black and rose
10pf carmine	1 mark carmine
20pf blue	2 " blue
25pf black and red on yellow	3 mark violet
30pf black and orange on buff	5 mark carmine and black

Post cards are also reported, but particulars are not yet to hand.

CAROLINE ISLANDS.—(*New set*). Same types and values as for Cameroons.

COREA.—(*15 cheun stamp*). The new series is being gradually completed, the latest arrival is the 15 cheun violet grey. It is reported that about the middle of next year this set will be replaced by one with the value expressed in "cents," to be engraved and printed in Europe on

account of local inability to properly produce the stamps.

(*1 cn post card*) similar to the Japanese cards inscribed IMPERIAL KOREAN POST 1 cn blue on white.

CRETE.—(*Unpaid letter stamps*). By the "highest postal authority of the island" the *Am. J. of P.* is informed that the rumored set of unpaid letter stamps, described in our August number, is not to appear. The regular stamps 1 to 20 lepta are issued, perforated with two crossed diagonal lines, it is now said for that purpose although it was originally reported that the stamps with this perforation were revenues. (*The "Provisional' surcharge*). Several of our contemporaries announce that *because* Crete has been admitted into the Postal Union therefore the surcharge on the values of 25 lepta and over has been suppressed. This is certainly an error, as this surcharge was, as explained in our June number, impressed on account of the difference between the Turkish currency and that of the Latin Union to which the values expressed on the stamps of Crete conformed, although the 25 lepta was sold for a Turkish piastre, really worth 22 lepta. Perhaps our contemporaries mean that the currency is now legally in conformity with that of the Latin Union, the standard of which is the franc or its equivalent.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—(*New high values.*) $1, $2, $5 and $25 stamps are reported inscribed with the name of the Federation, to take the place of the surcharges listed in our May number, as soon as the latter are exhausted.

FRANCE.—(*Foreign offices. Contemplated new issues*). We learn from a French contemporary that the French stamps, now surcharged for the use of offices in Morocco, Dedeagh, Cavalle, Port Said, Alexandria, Levant, Zanzibar and China, are to be replaced by stamps of a special design, bearing the words "POSTE FRANÇAISE" in a label above the allegorical figures, with the name of the locality below the value, similar to that on the colonial stamps. The local value, if required, will continue to be given as at present, by means of a surcharge.

FRENCH COLONIES.—(*Rumored changes of colors*). Several journals announce the forth coming change of color of the 10 centimes stamp to the U, P. U. regulation shade of red, and the consequent change of the 50c carmine to brown on bluish. What about the 25c which according to the Postal Union requirements ought to be in blue. Since the above was in type we learn that the 15c is to be in future rose on grey and the 25c blue, and that these new colors are to apply to all the colonies, comprising Anjouan, Dahomey, French Congo, French Guinea, French India, Great Comoro, Guadaloupe, Indo-China, Ivory Coast, Madagascar, Martinique, Mayotte, New Caledonia, Oceanica, Reunion, St. Pierre, Senegal and Soudan.

FRENCH CONGO.—(*Provisional 5c and 15c.*) It is reported that 20 and 30 centimes of the old colonial type, which preceeded the wonderful current pictorial series, have been surcharged in two lines, in black ink VALEUR 5 and VALEUR 15. *Le Collectioneur T. P.* states that this recent pictorial set, not having given satisfaction, is to be abandoned and the old type is to be again adopted.

GERMANY.—(*Offices in the Levant. New type.*) The 1900 type of Germany has appeared surcharged as follows:

10 paras on	5 pf	2½ piastres on	50 pf
20 "	10	4 "	80
1 piastre on	20	5 "	1 m.
1¼ "	25	10 "	2
1½ "	30	15 "	3
2 "	40	25 "	5

Post Cards—20 paras on 10 pf. single and reply.

(*Offices in Morocco.*) The 1900 set has also been surcharged MOROCCO and the value in Spanish money.

3 centimos on	3pf	60 centimos on	50pf
5 "	5	1 peseta "	80
10 "	10	1 " 25cs "	1 m
25 "	20	2 " 50 "	2
30 "	25	3 " 75 "	3
35 "	30	6 " 25 "	5
50 "	40		

Post Cards— 5c on 5pf single and reply
10 " 10 " " "

(*Offices in China.*) The entire set except the 2 pfennig has also been surcharged CHINA for use in the offices in the Celestial Empire.

GERMAN EAST AFRICA.—(*New set.*) While the types are the same for this as for the other German colonies, the values are not expressed in German currency and the European papers only report

eleven stamps in the set instead of fourteen, as follows :—

2	pesa brown	25	pesa bl'k & violet
3	" green	40	" bl'k & carmine
5	" carmine	1	rupee blue
10	" blue	2	" violet
15	" bl'k & orange	3	" carmine & bl'k
20	" bl'k & carmine		

GERMAN NEW GUINEA.—(*New Set.*) The same types and values as Cameroons.

GERMAN SOUTH WEST AFRICA.—(*New Set.*) The same types and values. as reported for the other German colonies.

GREECE.—(*New surcharges.*) The Greek Government evidently wants to make up for lost time in the matter of surcharges to judge from the following list of provisional stamps which have appeared in addition to the 20l on 25l announced last month, and which comes both perforated and imperforate.

30 l	on 40 l	violet of 1880	perf. and imp.	
40 l	" 2 l	bistre	"	"
50 l	" 40 l	rose of 1876	"	"
1 dr	" 40 l	violet of 1889	"	"
2 dr	" 40 l	"	"	"
3 dr	" 10 l	orange of 1880	"	"
5 dr	" 40 l	violet of 1872	"	"

Besides the above several values have also been surcharged with the letters A. M. the initials of the words AXIA METALIKI, meaning "value in coin." These are used exclusively for international parcel post, and money orders and sold at the gold rate of exchange. The following have been issued with and without perforation :

25 l on 40 l violet of 1889
50 l on 25 l blue of 1889
1 dr on 40 l violet of 1872
2 dr on 5 l green of 1880

HONG KONG.—(*5c color changed*). The current 5c adhesive has been changed in color from blue to lilac.

HUNGARY.—(*1 filler change of color.*) The current 1 filler stamp is reported as changed in color from grey black to lilac.

INDIA.—(*Official stamps in new colors.*) From our Calcutta correspondent Kumar Mahendralala Mitra we have received specimens of the ¼ to 2d annas in the new colors as announced in our October number. We also learn that they have been issued with the official surcharge ON H. M. S. Sets for all the different States under British protection, will soon appear in these new shades.

JAPAN.—(*1½ sen stamp, 3s. letter card*). A 1½ sen stamp ultramarine of the current type has been issued for use on private post cards, which is said not to be available for any other purpose. A 3s. letter card violet on buff has also appeared.

(*Offices in Formosa.*)—Japanese Post Offices have been opened in the island of Formosa, and the entire current set of Japan has been surcharged with small characters for the use of these offices.

KIAO-CHOW.—(*New set.*) This German colony in China is also honored by the new colonial issue.

MALTA.—(*The promised ¼d stamp.*) Last month on the authority of several English journals we listed a stamp of the value of 1 sh. 4d. This turns out to be the farthing (¼d) stamp reported as in preparation by us in our April number.

MARIANNA ISLANDS—(*New set*). The same types and values as are reported for Cameroons have appeared.

MARSHALL ISLANDS—(*New set*). The same types and values as Cameroous.

MAURITIUS.—(*Color changes*). The following changes are reported, the types remaining as before.

1c	black green	value in	black
2c	dull lilac	"	violet
4c	" "	"	carmine, yellow paper.

L'Essor Philatelique announces that there still remains on hand a considerable stock of the old type 8 cents blue, with portrait of the Queen, and that value being little used, it is proposed to surcharge the remainders with a new value.

NEW ZEALAND.—[*Commemorative 1d stamp*]. To this colony belongs the honor or first inaugurating Universal Penny postage, for the reduced rate, which is to date from January 1st, is to be extended to all countries that wish to reciprocate, thus being a step further than the Imperial penny post which originated from Canada last year. To commemorate this important event a new stamp has been designed by Sir Edward Poynter, president of the Royal Academy, emblematical of New Zealand diffusing the benefits of reduced postage throughout the world. The new stamps, of which a million have been ordered, are to be made in England.

PARAGUAY.—(*New issue.*) The new issue announced as in preparation last June, is now in use. They are finely executed stamps, the work of the South American Bank Note Co. of Buenos Ayres. So far the following values have appeared, perf. 11½:—

2 centavos olive grey
5 " green
10 " carmine

QUEENSLAND.—(*2s. stamps provisional and regular.*) The set with figures in the four corners has been increased by the issue of a 2 shilling greenish blue. The *Australian Philatelist* states while this stamp was being prepared that the 2s brown was re-issued on inferior paper, perf. 12¾; only 100 sheets of the provisional issue were printed.

SALVADOR.—(*New series dated 1900.*) We presume the surplus stock of old issues has been exhausted by the numerous surcharges that have lately appeared, as a new set of the old design with date changed to 1900 is now making its appearance. The colors have also been changed from those of the 1899 issue. The following have so far appeared:—

1c light green	5c slate green
2c rose	10c ultramarine
3c grey	13c orange

SAMOA.—[*New set.*] Stamps for this German colony are also reported of the same types and values as described for Cameroons.

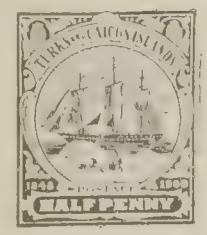
SOUTH AUSTRALA.—[*Official 2½d and 5d*]. The current 2½ blue and 5d brown lilac have received the O. S. Surcharge, in tall thin letters, far apart. The same type of surcharge has also been applied to the 4d and 6d stamps.

SWITZERLAND.—[*Jubilee issue re-engraved.*] The three stamps of the Jubilee issue 5, 10 and 25 centimes have been re-engraved or retouched, giving them a better and more finished appearance.

ST. LUCIA.—[*1d envelope.*] The 1st stamped envelope for this colony—1d carmine on white laid paper—is reported by *Mekeels Weekly*. The design is the same as that used for the ½d and 1d wrappers.

TOGOLAND.—[*New set.*] The same types and values are reported as for the other German colonies.

TUNIS. — [*Rumored unpaid letter stamps.*] A year ago we reported the probability of a set of "Postage due" stamps and now the rumor again reaches us that the stamps are actually in preparation similar to those of France, the series to consist of 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 30 and 50 centimes.



TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS.—(*The new pictorial set.*) The set listed last month introduces a new title to philately superseding the old familiar one—Turks Islands.

URUGUAY.—(*New high value stamps.*) In addition to the stamps of new designs described last month we are informed that higher values are to be issued in the old types, but in new colors. The 20c of 1889 reappears in pale blue.

(*Commemorative Post Cards.*) A 2c card was issued for use on one day only—August 25th—the 75th anniversary of the independence of the Republic. It is printed in black on white and besides the usual inscriptions bears the date 25 DE AGOSTO 1825-1900. On the right appears the effigy of the republic in a circle with the value below.

SPECULATIVE STAMPS AND COUNTERFEITS.

The stamps described under this heading, we would advise collectors to avoid, as they are manufactured either by official authority or by private individuals for their own gain at the expense of Philatelists.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY. (*More forged surcharges.*) The *N. C. Fortnightly*, reports the 2½d V. R. I. genuinely postmarked with surcharge forged; also the 6d carmine, unused, with surcharge forged. These forgeries are to be found among genuine stamps forming sets.

ROUMANIA. — [*Commemorative set*]. In order to commemorate the opening of the new general post office at Bucarest a set of stamps has been prepared, consist-

ing of :— 1, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40 and 50 bani and 1 and 2 lie, differing only from the regular issue in the fact that they are printed on thin paper watermarked with a crown and coat of arms extending over a block of twenty five stamps, and have a pink gum. It is reported that they are sold only in blocks of 25 showing the entire watermark. The face value of a complete set of blocks of 25 amounts to frs 112.25 about $22.00 !

QUEENSLAND. — [*War fund stamps*]. This colony has issued two stamps of a similar class to those of Victoria illustrated last month. They are inscribed QUEENSLAND POSTAGE PATRIOTIC FUND and value in words, but this merely represents their postal value, as they are sold for twelve times the expressed amount. The values and colors are 1d light magenta and 2d violet.

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ITS CANADIAN DEPARTMENT.

Amongst the exchanges which reach our sanctum, one of the papers which we have always been glad to greet is the *Bay State Philatelist.* It appears promptly, its articles are usually well-selected, and carefully reasoned. It is not afraid to form an opinion, and to express the same vigorously and tersely without descending to personal attacks. We experienced however a disappointment in reading its current number in the choice it has made of a Canadian correspondent. It has selected for the manager of the "Canadian Department" a gentleman well-known in this country as a chronic kicker, whose literary stock in trade consists of personalities, Shakesperian phrases, burlesqued Scriptural quotations, and—vulgar slang—which is well, neither Shakesperian nor Scriptural. According to his wont this Canadian correspondent inaugurates the management of his "department" by a personal attack on well-known Canadian collectors The League of Canadian Philatelists of which we are the official organ, is specially selected for a scurrilous attack. The prominent philatelists of which that league is composed, require no endorsement and certainly fear no detraction, from the disgruntled sore head referred to, their reputation as reliable, honorable gentlemen is co-extensive with philately itself. An attack upon their disinterested devotion to philately, for philately's sake, such as this correspondent indulges in, requires no reply on our part, but the *Bay State Philatelist* will certainly not gain in popularity nor circulation in Canada, by permitting such attacks upon our most honored sons.

There exists a little paper in a country town in Ontario, (the emulator of a certan Maine city in the publication of prize contest and cheap-John journals) which seems to want some free advertising in our columns. For the benefit of our country cousin we would say our publisher gets 50c per inch for space, and has no room for dead heads. This same little amateur journal is given to publishing false reports, which it has to retract from time to time. When it gets past the amateur stage of journalism it will have learnt to *first* make sure it is right and *then* go ahead.

CREAM OF THE MAGAZINES.

Under this title we intend in future, as far as space will permit, to give monthly extracts from all important articles published by our contemporaries, giving the preference to the European papers, as they are less likely to be seen by the majority of our readers, than the American journals. We have often been asked why we do not have a regular "review" department as so many other papers have; our reason is that "reviews" as ordinarily given are of no practical value, and to conduct a complete review of all publications would take up more space than our publisher allows us for reading matter, at the same time we are desirous of keeping our readers informed of what subjects are being discussed by the philatelic press, and we think this can best be accompblished by extracting the "cream" from those magazines which our readers are less likely to receive and read for themselves. Only short readable articles will be reproduced or such as admit of condensation, in this way our subscribers will get the benefit of everything of value published elsewhere. Criticism will when necessary be found, as heretofore, in our editorial columns.

AN "ENTIRE" MISTAKE.

It is one of the little ironies of human vanity that just when students and collectors of entire cards and covers have congratulated themselves upon the dawn of a brighter era for their study, the holder of the largest stock of those treasures in this country should come to a decision to abandon its position in regard to them, for economic reasons. Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., have just announced, that owing to expansion in other branches of business, no more envelopes, post cards, letter cards or wrappers will be imported or bought in any way by them, and that, moreover, new issues will no longer be chronicled in their Monthly Journal or catalogued. The firm, having a large amount of money sunk in these goods, has apparently bought wise to fix a limit, particularly seeing they are so bulky, and space in the Strand so valuable. The announcement has caused much surprise and comment, and is accepted by many outsiders, as proof positive that entires are bad stock, and that their day is at an end. Nothing could be more fallacious than such an idea.

During the past year or two there has been a steady increase in the number of collectors, who from one cause or another have been led to add entire pieces to their collections, or to form separate collections of them. The fact that there are so few reprints or forgeries and practically no commemorative issues, that the number of unattainable specimens is comparatively small and that the natural interests of the study are undoubtedly fascinating have all tended to increase its popularity among philatelists. On the Continent the subject is immensely popular and 'entire' collectors are quite as enthusiastic, if not so numerous, as the collectors of adhesives. And here in England the study has silently and steadily caught hold, and there is an ever-widening circle of enthusiasts represented by both an exchange club and a magazine It would appear, therefore, a very inopportune moment for any misgivings as to the value of entires either as a study or an investment, and though, of course we cannot complain of a firm of dealers deciding to discontinue adding to stock, we cannot but be sorry that our well-informed contemporary will no longer place new issues of entires in its excellent lists.—"*Stamps.*"

BUY OF THE MAKERS.

Our good Colony of Victoria appears to be playing it very low down in postal matters. Unless 'visions is about," the following official circular has been issued from the postal headquarters in Mel bourne.

SPECIMEN STAMPS: A set of Victorian Postage and Postage due stamps of all denominations from ½d, to 20s. including Post Cards, Stamped Envelopes, and Newspaper Wrappers may be purchased for £1. The full set, from ½d. to £100 may be obtained for £5.

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The new departure is getting spirited philatelic criticism all over the world;

and little wonder! *The American Journal of Philately* suggests to the Victorian Government to start a grocery section and various other sidelines in connection with its business.

It could be said of most post offices throughout the world that they have a department of philately—the world's dealers leave them no option as to that—but no post office, we think, has ever gone into the business of stamp dealing with quite such brutal frankness as this!

The special evil of the thing lies in that clause of the circular which leaves it to the purchaser's option whether the stamps shall be "lightly postmarked" or overprinted "specimen." Stamps overprinted "specimen" are sanctified by tradition. We do not like them, so, in the homely old phrase, we "lump" them. But stamps post-marked to order are an abomination, and it is almost inconceivable that the Government of a great and prosperous colony like Victoria should so far forget all the pride and circumstance of State as to hawk "Job lots" of its own stamps spuriously postmarked "to suit customers' requirements," so to say!—*S. C. Fortnightly.*

SPECULATION IN UNUSED COLONIALS.

How Philately affects Gambia's Finances.

The Report of the Administrator of the Colony of Gambia (Sir R. B. Llewelyn) for 1899, just issued as a Colonial Office Paper, contains the following passage:

There was an increase under every head of Revenue, except the Post Office, in which there was a falling off from £2,140 to £589, in part owing to the adoption of the penny postal rate, but mainly to be attributed to the falling off in the demand for postage stamps by collectors, who, in the previous year, purchased a large quantity of the old issue and new issue on the change that was made in May 1898, of the dies.

The difference between the two years, then, was £1551, and this difference Sir R. B. Llewelyn attributes *mainly* to the falling-off of philatelic orders. This falling-off, it is perhaps unnecessary to explain, is no falling-off in the normal demand for unused current stamps, but really represents the disappearance of a sudden and special demand created by the change of issue. Allowing an ample proportion for the purchase of sets of the new issue by dealers, etc., it is fair to assume that at the time of the withdrawal of the old Gambia stamps philatelists bought up at least £1000 worth of the "retiring" series—a series, be it remembered, which had been in issue for a matter of sixteen years!

Now you can get a heap of stamps for £1000 reckoning at face value; and it must be remembered that the highest Gambian face-value is one shilling!

What has become of all these stamps?

Have they been stowed away by those deluded philatelists who, according to the Editors of the *P. J. G. B.* are hoarding up unused Colonials in pairs, blocks and even complete sheets against the day when their prices shall have risen an hundredfold in the catalogues of the dealers?—*S. C. Fortnightly.*

While common stamps are dirt cheap, an accumulation of expensive stamps comes high. The individual gem is valuable, but it gains additional value when set along with many other expensive stamps in a collection. Some gatherings run into princely fortunes, and when disposed of have been known to net their owners a handsome profit on the original cost. As an instance of the amount of money sometimes involved in a collection, it may be mentioned that a firm of stamp dealers, Messrs. Hamilton, Smith & Co., have just sold Mr. Castle's collection of unused Europeans for the enormous sum of £30,000. His used collection was recently sold for £2,400, and his collection of Australians realized £10,000 some years ago. While this is a good showing, it is not the best; one well known collection in its day, was broken up, during 1898, and netted its owner $250,000. Collectors having stamps of which they want to dispose, are able to do so by selling direct or through dealers, or else put them up for auction. In regard to auction sales the New York Press says of its city that now is the busy season among the postage stamp collectors and dealers, when many auction sales of collections are held in the fine home of the Collectors' club, No. 351 Fourth avenue. All kinds of people gather at these auctions, and it is not uncommon to see a well known business man bidding against some school boy to secure a coveted lot of stamps, usually to the disappointment of the latter. It is estimated that over $1,000,000 worth of old postage stamps are sold in that city alone every year, and the trade is increasiug in jumps and bounds.—*Manitoba Free Press.*

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Peterborough, Ont., 17th Dec., 1900

EDITOR "MONTREAL PHILATELIST":

Sir,—I do not believe in airing grievances in the public prints, but I cannot allow to pass, unchallenged, the article in the current number of the *Bay State Philatelist*, under the caption "Canadian Department," written by an irresponsible youth, Muirhead by name, who lives in or near Halifax, I believe. He is pleased to make charges and inuendoes against myself and the Society over which I have the honor to preside, which are insolent libels, without any foundation in fact. I know full well, however, that they will carry no weight whatever, for the collecting public will consider the source, and judge accordingly. Neither am I at all surprised he should write such a monumental piece of drivel and bad grammar, but I confess to considerable surprise that he should find a market for such goods, and that any decent stamp journal should display such bad taste as to publish such a wretched excuse for a space filler.

For myself, I am content to let the stamp collecting world judge between us, and do not care a fig for his attacks. I have been too long before the collecting public, both as collector and dealer, to fear the flings of such as he He is a splendid example of the effects of Philatelic Politics, and that he should choose such a text for his tirade shews conclusively how thick-skinned he is, for if my memory does not play me a scurvy trick he it was who "ran" for the post of President of the D.P.A., and was very properly sat upon, and turned down by his fellow-members, who placed a proper estimate upon his worth, and who were sick of Philatelic Politics and such philatelic politicians as he. I remember, too, he used not a little space in the Official Organ, the burden of his prayers, in advertising form, being "Vote for A. M. Muirhead," the young Napoleon of Canadian Philately, who would put down corruption in high places and remedy every existing abuse. I neither "ran" for nor asked for the office of President of the L. of C. P., but I was tendered the post, and have tried to fill same to the best of my poor ability, and I know full well that I am the President of one of the best Societies in existence to-day in the world of stamps, composed entirely of honest, honourable men, many of them prominent in many walks of life.

Muirhead's attack upon Major Wurtele stamps him, if aught else were needed. I have had the honor of meeting Major Wurtele in Quebec, on several occasions, and he can well afford to laugh at slurs from such a source. Failing to find favor in the eyes of his fellow members in the D.P.A., he threatened dire vengeance, and set about wrecking the Society through the efforts of his puny will, but the D. P. A. is, I believe, very much in evidence yet. I rather fancy the galled jade did wince, for the light was a trifle strong. I confess, however, that it was a terrible blow to me to learn that he "*Don't* think an *awful lot* of the League," after all our efforts to please him. Seriously, though, I really think the whole puerile screed beneath contempt, were it not for his statement that we, *i.e.*, the League, "Are a correct coterie of sharks, for the various purposes of *sharkery*" (a nice, new word coined and

patented by himself), which statement, I think, might well be looked into by our Attorney, first ascertaining if Muirhead be worth anything, in case judgment for libel and slander be obtained against him. With refreshing candour, he admits he has frequently been wrong in the past, quite unnecessary on his part, I submit, as the majority of his readers doubtless knew it. He writes of "skinning" the lambs, but did he not mean "fleecing" them. Evidently, he is not a practical farmer.

He starts out with a perfect little gem of thought, which, I regret to say, will not stand the fierce light of which he speaks later on. Here it is, in all its pristine beauty, for the benefit of those who may not have seen it in the original: "The little controversies which PERTAIN BETWEEN those valliant [I have been in the habit of spelling this word with one "l" only, but this great mind, this pure, infallible Philatelic Politician has spoken. Not content with coining new words, he needs must alter our spelling, with ruthless hand destroying some of the cherished faiths of our school-boy days]—journals." I appeal to you, oh, gentle reader. Is not "PERTAIN BETWEEN" rich! But woe is me, there are other fearfully and wonderfully constructed sentences evolved out of this gigantic intellect. His splendid disregard of the Queen's English is a most awe-inspiring one, and it leads me to remark, that it is a thousand pities that so polished a writer should restrain his hand. I have space to quote but a few more sparkling gems, such as "The use of *those* new Special Delivery stamps is most limited," "Many philatelists *gl wed*," "*Coinage* of postage stamps in the *ration* of," and last, but by no means least, "Some of us INCLINE DENUNCIATION!" All of which is pretty "rank" and surely "smells to Heaven." In the little matter of spelling and punctuation, too, his Essay is a triffle weak. In fact Punctuation and he are strangers. One more little illustration of the literary style of this bright young man, and I am done. He writes..... [We do not care to offend the good taste of our readers by reproducing Mr. Muirhead's parody of what is deemed sacred by ourselves and by them. — ED. M. P.] If this be not blasphemy, it is bordering dangerously close to it. I crave your kind indulgence, gentle reader, for inflicting you as I have done, and you, Mr. Editor, for having used so much of your valuable space, in aiming at so small a target, and beg to subscribe myself, as ever, very faithfully yours,

W. K. HALL.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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	30 "	15	
	40	20	
	70	75	
	1 00	25	
Gas Stamp	25	10	
	50	10	
	1 00	15	
Registration	5 green	15	
	15 "	20	
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Seychelles 75c 1f 50 2f 25 " 3 var		2	10
Tasmania set unused 8 var			70
Crete 1900 " " 8 var		1	65
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Prince Edw. Isl. 2d 3d 4d " 3 var			20
" " 1 2 4 6 12c " 5 var			50
Labuan 1897, 1 to 8c used 6 var	cat. 28c		12
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SINGLE STAMPS

Cyprus 1882, 12 pi orange Die B unused	3	25
New S. Wales 1891, 12½d on 1 sh "		40
Orange River Colony ½d on Cape ½d "		04
Swazieland ½d red surcharge used		40
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"	½c leaves	10 "
"	1c "	10 "
"	2c "	10 "
"	3c "	10 "
"	5c "	10 "
1898	½c numerals	10 "
"	1c "	10 "
"	2c " purple	10 "
"	3c "	10 "
"	5c "	10 "
"	2c map	10 "
"	2 on 3c leaves	10 "
"	2 on 3c numerals	10 "
	2c registered	10 "
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" Postage due 3 vars..... 08
New Zealand 1873, 3 vars..... 12
" 1882-91 7 vars 12
" 1898 ½, 1, 2, 2½, 2½,
" 1900 5 pence..... 12
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" 10 " 30
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" " " 2p. 08
" " 2 shillings..... 30
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2sh. 6p..... 8
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" 1892 5	05
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Sierra Leona 84 2½	25
Mauritius '91 1 on 2c	20
Japan Jubilee 2 sen	12
" 1 yen	25
Egypt 2 pia yellow brown	10
Servia, *fine mixture*	10
Austria 1 gulden lilac	20
" 2 " green	60
" 8 para on 2 kreuzer	12
Angra 65 reis	35
Ponta Delgada 65 reis	35
Netherland 50 cent	20
" 1900 mixed	10
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NEWS OF THE MONTH.

Our chronicle for the first month of the new century introduces an interesting list of new emissions. The long expected French stamps have at last appeared, and are far from meeting the expections that have been entertained. They are too artistic for postage stamps. The Swiss postal administration, undeterred by its hideous Jubilee label, is again about to attempt something "artistic" and is offering prizes for new designs. Philately is probably responsible for this modern craze for pretty pictures, instead of the good old fashioned plain postage stamp, made for use and not for the purposes of ornamenting a stamp album. Pictorial stamps undoubtedly arouse an interest in stamp collecting, and therefore, are not to be entirely condemned, but more serious collectors will always prefer the stamps of the 19th century, instead of what the 20th century stamp promises to be. This year we are promised another pictorial issue for the United States; the Australian Commonwealth will probably also produce something of that nature and other countries will likely follow in the wake. Our readers will, as usual, find all novelties promptly reported and illustrated in our columns.

ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

BOSNIA.—(*New high values.*) The set of the current type with figures in lower corners has been increased by the issue of a 40 heller orange; two new values have also been issued with figures in the four corners, they are the krone rose, and 2 kronen blue.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—(*2c Post card*). A new 2c post card, carmine on buff, single and reply, has appeared to replace the provisional cards listed in March.

BULGARIA.—(*New color 15 s*). The issue of a 15 stotinki brown on white, perf. 13 of the current type is reported by several European journals.

CANADA.—(*20c of 1898 type*). The supply of the old 20c. type being at last exhausted, that value in the current design, with figures in the lower corners, was issued Dec. 29th, printed in sage green. The 50c. of the old type is still on sale, a considerable stock yet remains to be used up. The 6c. and 8c. numerals in corners have been exhausted since some months and no more of those values will be issued, but up to a recent date, 6c. and 8c. of the 1897 type, four leaves in corners, have been on sale at the Montreal Post-office. As we learn that these are now also exhausted, the long promised 4c. and 7c. may soon make their appearance.

CHILI.—(*2c card of new type*). The 2c post card, carmine on blue of current design of adhesives has been issued.

CHINA.—(*French P. O., provisional 25*). The 1 franc olive surcharged 25 centimes in black is reported by *Le Philateliste Français.*

COREA.—(*20 cheun stamp*). The latest addition to the current set is the 20 cheun red brown.

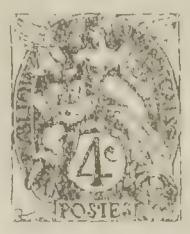
FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—(*New issue in preparation*). Delay in the delivery of the new issue is now given as the cause of so many surcharges on the stamps of the separate States. The lower values being completely exhausted, it has been found necessary to surcharge old stock to supply the demand, but as stated before, these stamps can be used anywhere in the Federation.

(*More Perak Provisionals*). In addition to the surcharged 1c. on 2, 4 and 5c. and 3c. on 50c. listed in our October and November numbers, there have also appeared on Perak stamps, "Three Cent" on 8c., $1 and $2, and "One Cent" on $2. Our correspondent at K. Kangsa, Perak, Mr. J. C. Bath, informs us that a very small number of each of the different surcharges were issued, and that they are selling at high prices locally, about 50 cents each for the surcharged dollar values. He also states that about sixty per cent. of all the provisionals were damaged stamps, useless to a collector, and as only ten stamps were sold to any one person at a time, there was a great deal of trouble in getting good specimens. Still, in spite of these precautions, the post-office could not obtain enough low value stamps for actual postal needs, and consequently, a notice was published on Oct. 22nd stating that postage on all matter less than 4c. must be paid in cash. The articles were handed in with the money, stamped PAID, the amount was written in, and a small post marked receipt, about the size of a postage stamp, given to the person posting the letter. *Le Philateliste Français* states that this receipt was stuck on the envelope by the postal officials, and obliterated with the ordinary postmark. If this was done it was contrary to the regulations of the superintendent, in whose official notice the public are especially requested to obtain the delivery to themselves of this receipt. It is important to understand this point, as later on some of these *receipts* may be offered at high prices as *provisional stamps*, a thing which they are not.

(*Selangor. provisional 1c and 3c*). The 50c Selangor has been surcharged "One Cent" and "Three Cents" with bar across the top cancelling the old value.

FERNANDO-POO—(*Provisional stamps*) The large 10c. de peso Revenue stamp, blue, has again been made to do duty as a postal. Two different surcharges are reported: 1st, with the word CORREOS in large black letters and 5 CEN in oval; 2nd, with the word CORREOS only in large red letters printed obliquely from the lower left to upper right corner.

FRANCE.—(*Issue of the new types*). In our numbers of January and March, 1900, we described the stamps designed to commemorate the Exposition year. After much delay they were at last issued on Dec. 7th, and, although the types chosen are certainly artistic, we think them far from suitable for postage stamps. The first type, that chosen for the lower values, has an overcrowded, confused appearance, the second type is simpler and looks fairly well, but the third type for the values of 40 centimes and over has the same fault as the first, too much matter crowded into too little space.



We illustrate the three types so a further description is not necessary. The following are the values and colors:—

1st type 1c grey
2 violet brown
3 brick red
4 brown
5 green
2d type 10 red
15 vermillion
20 violet-brown
2d type 25c pale blue
30 lilac
3d type 40 red and bluish
50 brown "
1 f carmine & gr'n'sh
2 f lilac and yellow
5 f blue "

FRENCH LEVANT.—(*Reported issue of 5 fr. stamps*). The 5 fr. France old type is reported surcharged in black 20 PIASTRES for use in the offices in the Levant. It is to be presumed that the same value will also appear surcharged. CAVALLE, DEDEAGH and VATHY.

GERMAN COLONIES.—(*New types*). As promised we illustrate the two types of the new stamps of the different German Colonies.

JAPAN.—(*Foreign offices*). We learn

that the new 1½ sen stamp announced last month has been surcharged like the rest of the current set with Japanese characters for use at the offices in China and Corea.

MACAO.—(*New 5, 10, 15 and 20 avos*). Stamps of the value of 5a brown, 10a blue, 15a green and 20a light brown on buff have been added to the current set, taking the place of the surcharged stamps of those values. A 78 avos is also said to contemplated.

MALTA.— (*New 1 farthing stamp.*) We illustrate the new ¼d stamp which was issued on Jan. 4th and for specimens of which we have to thank Dr. R. Nandi of Valletta. This is the stamp which went the rounds of the press as being of 1s 4d in value.

MAURITIUS.—(*2c envelope*). In addition to the adhesives listed in new colors last month the 2c of the same type has been impressed in dull lilac on small ungummed white euvelopes, the visiting card size.

NEW ZEALAND.—(*1d commemorative*) Universal penny postage adopted by progressive New Zealand, to inaugurate the new century, is fittngly commemorated by a special stamp. The design is well chosen and well executed, in the foreground stands New Zealand represented by a female figure pointing across the sea upon which a steamer is seen conveying messages to all the world. Beside the figure is a globe signifying universality, while in the background there looms up one of New Zealand's famous mountain peaks. The artist is to be congratulated upon his successful work. The stamp is printed by Waterlow of London, and is in the regulation U.P.U color carmine.

PARAGUAY.—(*Latest additions to the new set*). In addition to the values described last month the 3c brown, 8c maroon and 24c blue have appeared also a set of official stamps of the same type consisting of

1c blue	8c brown
2c red	10c rose
4c brown	24c blue
5c green	

PORTUGESE INDIA,— (*Reported high values*). It is reported by *Mekeels W. S. News* that stamps of the value of 12 tangas, 1, 2 and 5 rupees are shortly to appear.

SERVIA.—(*Provisional 10 paras*). On account of the breaking of the 10 paras plate, the 20 paras has been printed in rose and surcharged 10 ΠΑΡΑ in black.

SIAM.—(*New set*). A set of stamps, having a portrait of the reigning sovereign slightly turned to the left, has recently been appearing, it is presumed that these stamps are to supercede the set with profile to left reported in our numbers of Feb. and March. 1900. The following values are reported of this type :—

1 att green		10 atts bright blue	
2 "	" and rose	12 "	claret
3 "	" and blue	64 "	brown
8 "	" and orange		

SOUDAN).—(*New unpaid letter set*). Few stamps have enjoyed so steady a sale to collectors as the large bi-colored "camel" series of Soudan. Encouraged, no doubt, by the success of their first experiment the postal adminstration has prepared an unpaid letter set to take the place of that surcharged on Egyptian "unpaid" stamps. The "ship of the desert" gives place to a Nile boat as a central design, and the values and colors are:—

2 mil brown,	centre	black
4 " green	"	brown
10 " violet	"	green
20 " carmine	"	blue

SPAIN. —[*New set issued*] In our number of May last we announced the forthcoming appearance of a 15c stamp bearing a portrait of the boy king in military uniform. The stamp has not yet come to hand, but from a correspondent we learn that the design has been adopted and that the following values are now ready and were to be issued January 1st.

2 centimos,	brown	30 ctos.	lt green
3 "	dk. green	40 "	olive brown
10 "	salmon	50 "	blue green
15 "	blue	1 peseta,	magenta
20 "	olive grey	4 "	violet
25 "	lt. blue	10 "	orange

SWITZERLAND. — (*Prospective new issue*). It is officially announced in the Swiss *Journal Officiel* that the Federal Post-office Department has opened a competition to Swiss artists for a new design for postage stamps of the value of 2, 3, 5, 10 12 and 15 centimes. The principal design may consist of scenery or allegorical figures at the choice of the artist, but the word HELVETIA must appear, and the figures of value must be distinct at a glance. The new stamps are to be of the same size as those current

Prizes amounting to 3,000 fr. are to be divided between the three or four best sketches submitted.

TIMOR.—(*New 10, 20 and 78 avos*). New stamps for this Portugese colony have been received for the U.P.U. official collections as follows:—

10 avos dark blue on blue
20 " brown on buff
78 " black and red on blue.

The new 10 and 20 avos replace the provisionals issued about a year ago.

VAAL RIVER COLONY.—(*£5 stamp surcharged*], The old So. African Republic £5 green has been surcharged. "V. R. I" A number of unofficial surcharges by local authorities have appeared from time to time, but as they are not recognized by the military Government and an order issued forbidding them in future, they may be regarded as more or less speculative.

VENEZUELA. — (*Provisional official stamps*). The 1898 set of official stamps are reported surcharged with the date 1900. This surcharge is found printed in black on the background of net work in each of the upper corners of the stamps of all values ;—5, 10, 25, 50 c. and 1 bol.

SPECULATIVE STAMPS AND COUNTERFEITS.

The stamps described under this heading, we would advise collectors to avoid, as they are manufactured either by official authority or by private individuals for their own gain at the expense of Philatelists.

TURKEY. — (*Forged 25 piasires*). A difficult forgery to detect is that of the 25 p. of 1876, claret and rose, 1886, black and grey, 1888, red and yellow. The *Bulletin Mensuel* reports them as in circulation and reproduces enlarged copies of the genuine and the imitation side by side. The differences are difficult to describe consisting of misplaced dots and dashes in the Turkish characters. Should any 25 piastres be offered we would advise our readers to submit them to an expert before purchasing.

NOTES FROM NEW ZEALAND

BY H. BOLITHO, AUCKLAND, N. Z.

The following clippings from the daily papers here will no doubt prove of interst: The Post and Telegraph Department have received from America plates for the new 1½d stamp, to be issued next month. The stamp which was designed by J. M. Nairn, of this city, is emblematic of the part taken by New Zealand in the war The design is 1½in long and seven-eights of an inch deep At the top are the words, "New Zealand." and below "postage and revenue," the denomination being in the left-hand upper corner. In the fore ground, on either side is a trooper and horse. In the middle distance a company of mounted infantry is advancing from their camp, the background being ranges of snowclad mountains. The New Zealand flag is draped over the scene in the setting of which a tree-fern and other foliages is prominent. In the left hand lower corner a scroll bears the words "The Empire's call," The colour is not yet decided on.

Forty thousand new penny postage stamps, sent from London by the San Francisco mail, are due here on December 10 ; 60.000 by the Waiwera, between 15th and 20th ; and 900,000 by the Papanui, due on December 31st. The other million and the plates have been forwarded by the Gothic.

FROM A SPEECH BY THE HON. J G. WARD.

Penny postage was not the only reform to be brought into operation. It was proposed to establish from January 1 "an express" delivery by telegraph messenger for letters and parcels (up to 3lb). The delivery at first would be restricted to the principal centres, but gradually it would be extended to other portions of the colony.

Under this system "expressed" articles would be sent from any post office within the colony, and such offices outside the colony as cared to reciprocate with us. The delivery would be up to three miles. For the first mile sixpence would be charged, and for each additional mile three-pence Provision would also be made for expressed articles and stamped telegrams being collected by letter carriers and telegraph messengers. In the case of

telegrams this should be a decided convenience to people, living some distance from the telegraph office. Another proposal was to have uniform parcel rates for all parts of the Empire. The present rate to London was one shilling for the first lb, and sixpence for each additional lb. The rate now proposed was one shilling for 3 lb. two shilling for 7 lb. and three shillings for 11 lb. In addition he also proposed to establish a telegraph messenger service in connection with the telephone exchanges, to enable subscribers to ring for a messenger to run an errand, order a cab, etc., and the charge would be same as for "express" letter delivery up to three miles, and messages would be delivered up to five miles on payment of the ordinary cab or train fare. He had every confidence that a success would be made of such a system. It would be self-supporting, and was worth a trial.

Mr. J. Davis, late postmaster of Samoa, is in Auckland. Mr. Davis long enjoyed the distinction of being postmaster, both under the King and the Treaty Powers. He was first appointed to the position in 1885, by the three Consuls, British, American, and German, who were then governing the muncipality of Apia. In 1886 he was appointed by Malietoa, the king, as postmaster of the Kingdom of Samoa, and continued in the office up to February 28, 1900. Mr. Davis has experienced several revolutions and civil wars, but his position was always maintained by the party in power, his latest appointment being from the young King Malietoa, who was put into the kingship by the Powers in 1898. Mr. Davis had the designing of his own stamps, and the dies have always been in the hands of the New Zealand Government, by whom they have always been printed. Among the most interesting of the stamp issues is that known as the "Black Error," when the head of Malietoa was printed in the New Zealand office black, which was considered a reflection on his majesty's complexion. Another most interesting issue is the Samoan stamp with the word "provisional" printed across it diagonally. This issue is historical, as it was printed by the authority of the Chief Justice during the late Samoan war, and was the last to appear prior to Germany taking over the island. Mr. Davis is going down to Wellington to break the dies of his stamps, and so conclude not only his own connection with the postal business, but the final scene in a most interesting and unique official career. Mr. Davis, who has known Samoa for 27 years, and who has vested interests there, says that the British residents seem to be getting on very well under German rule. He speaks in the highest terms of the Governor, Dr. Solf, whom he declares to be one of the finest officials who has ever held power in the islands. He says however that a good number of Britishers are moving over to Pago Pago, which place, since it has been made the port of call for the San Francisco mail steamers and the naval depot for the United States Government, promises to grow into an important centre.

A Conference of the heads of departments in the six Australian colonies was opened at the General Post Office, Sydney, on November 15th, Mr. Crick, Postmaster-General, of New South Wales, presiding. The Chairman said the conference had been called with a view to paving the way for handing over the various post offices, of the six colonies to the Federal Government in a manner that would reflect credit upon all the permanent heads of the various post office departments Regarding the matters to be considered, one of the most important was the Post Office Savings Banks. It was not intended that the Government Savings Bank should be handed over to the Federal Government. but it would be carried on by the post office as usual, and arrangements made for the post office staff to work it. The conference would have to consider the provision of a special mail train to meet the English boats at the various important ports. His idea was that they might have a sort of traveling post office. Another point to be dealt with by the Postmaster General was a system of penny postage throughout the Federation. If that were decided upon, then why not have it to England also? It seemed an anomaly that a letter could even now be sent from England to any of the Australian colonies for 1d if the respective Governments would only let it in. They should have penny postage right through the British dominions. There might be an immediate loss, but that would soon disappear. The delegates should consider a reduction in the price of telegrams.

The sittings of the conference are being conducted with closed doors.

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SHOULD A PHILATELIST COLLECT FISCALS.

In the December number of the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* there appears an article apparently reproduced from some English journal, headed "Fiscals or Postage Stamps" in which the author asks the question "why do many philatelists draw the line at Postage Stamps?" and endeavors to prove that Fiscals are equally deserving of attention, by the consistent collector, as postals. The article is an interesting one, but utterly fails to touch the real reason why a "Philatelist" to be consistent *cannot* collect Fiscals.

The name of our science "Philately" was expressly chosen to exclude the collection of stamps, labels or entires which represented a "tax"; postage stamps proper, when unused represent a service to be rendered by the State, and when used are evidence of that service performed; their appearance upon a letter or other mail matter, if of the requisite denomination, frees such matter from any "tax" for carriage or delivery. The choice of a name to be drawn from classical antiquity, for so modern a science as postage stamp collecting, was a difficult one ; one of those first suggested "Philotely" (and at the time partially adopted) literally translated can mean a lover of taxation, though really intended for a "lover of things from afar." This exposed the suggested name to a good deal of ridicule, and the universal adoption of the present title was the result. It may be said that a fiscal stamp, being evidence on a document that the "tax" has been paid, can also mean exemption from *further* taxation, and only by this far fetched reasoning can a revenue stamp collector approach the title of Philatelist.

Collectors of postage stamps are jealous of the application of a title all their own to a pursuit which has little in common with the scientific collection and study of postage stamps. It is unnecessary to relate the oft told tale of the benefits of true philately, but it may be useful to point out some of the reasons why fiscals can never attain the same popularity as postals, and why recent attempts to give

them an undue prominence can but injure our science and for that reason does not deserve the encouragement from philatelists some writers wish to give it. This subject is by no means a new one, it was well fought out in the philatelic press of 1873 and 1874, by the men who laid the foundation of modern philately ; then as now we premise our objections by stating that we have no fault to find with collectors of fiscals if their tastes incline them to such a pastime—a collection of anything, no matter what, is interesting—but such collections from their very nature lack that cohesion and completeness, which form the basis of a systematic study of postage stamps, and while introducing loose unscientific methods, by so much, they must injure philately by foisting upon it these defects.

We have briefly outlined above, what a postage stamp is, we can only define a fiscal as a receipt for the payment of a tax; many kinds are not even sold to the public, but like the Canadian Weights and Meaures, Gas Inspection, etc., are affixed to documents on payment of fees, by the officials who receive payment, and are intended only to serve as a check on the remittances made to the Government by those officials ; they might be termed part of a system of Government book-keeping made easy. Who first invented this system, or how long it has been in use, are questions lost in the early history of civilized Government. Therefore a fiscal collection can have no starting point. A very large number of fiscal stamps are impressed on documents, which remain in public records or archives, and are unattainable by a private collector hence there can be no attempt at completeness even of known specimens. Many others cannot legally be removed without destruction, such as beer and tobacco labels, and the English medicine stamps, thus forming another large class of unattainables. The writer in the article above referred to attempts to surmount this difficulty by the advice to "collect only adhesive fiscals." Well beer and tobacco labels are so adhesive that they can only be removed when torn. Besides if philately be a science it must be consistent with common sense, and if impressed fiscals are to be rejected, and adhesives only collected, the whole matter becomes ridiculous being reduced to the childish distinction of gummed and ungummed specimens as the standard of what is collectible and what is not. Some of the follies of private proprietories will be discussed in a future article.

AMENDE HONORABLE

We have received from the editor of the *Bay State Philatelist*, the following letter of apology for the reflections cast upon the officers and members of the League of C. Ph., by its Canadian correspondent.

Melrose Hl'ds, Mass, Dec. 26, 1900.

Dear Mr. Wurtele:—

I beg to apologize for the remarks concerning the League written by our correspondent Mr. Muirhead.

Very truly, Herbert Gile. jr.

We are sure the members of the league, will gladly accept Mr. Gile's apology and allow the incident to drop as far as he or his paper is concerned.

CREAM OF THE MAGAZINES.

What becomes of the annual stamps of the South American Republics and others of the same sort? That is a question which has been often asked and to which no one can give a better answer than the Brothers of St. Jean de Dieu of Gand. They have employed their spare time in decorating the walls of their hospital with wonderful landscapes, glittering with color and full of life, composed entirely of postage stamps. Palaces, forests, rivers and mountains are depicted, butterflies of brilliant colors flutter in the breeze, birds of multi-colored plumage are perched on the trees, with snakes and crocodiles, animals and men enlivening the foregrounds· Already ten millions of postage stamps have been thus used·—*Le Philteliste Français.*

"I received last week from Shanghai a letter stamped with ordinary Chinese stamps but over these is placed a French 25c. stamp surcharged "Chine", this being postmarked with the French obliteration "Shanghai—Chine." Can any of your friends explain this business?

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India is divided into British India (subject to the direct rule of authorities appointed by the British Crown), and various Native States of which there are a vast number (many hundreds in all) attached to Britain by various ties, but all more or less dependent upon British power. A common characteristic of all Native States is that in their territory British Indian law does not run. The Native States are divided into Dependent Native States (Cashmere, Travancore, &c.), Tributary Native States (Deccan, Holkar, &c·), and Independent States (Nepaul, &c.). Most of these states are governed by Native Princes who levy their own taxes and have various other rights and means of raising their incomes, one being the right to issue their own stamps. These stamps, as a rule, are only able to frank letters, &c., in the particular state to which they belong, and do not generally go beyond the boundaries of the said state. Thus the stamps become practically a local issue, only on a much larger scale than the Russian or Denmark Locals. Imperial Indian Stamps for the most part used for franking letters abroad. Imperial Indian Stamps surcharged for use in Native States have franking power to any part of British India. The Native Princes finding that it pays them to issue stamps, naturally issue an ever increasing number, for no other purpose than to draw money from the pockets of stamp collectors, and most of us will look forward to the time when one set of stamps will be sufficient for the whole of India.—*The Stamp Collector.*

NEW PUBLICATIONS

STANDARD POSTAGE STAMP CATALOGUE, 1901.

The 60th edition of *Scott Stamp and Coin Co., New York*, this standard work made its appearance on or about Christmas day. All the copies we have seen bear evidence of haste in the bindery, the edition seems to have been rushed through to make up for lost time. With the exception of new issues, there is practically no change in the catalogue proper from that of last year, and as regards the priceing it is simply a conversion into American currency of Stanley Gibbons catalogue prices, with a few exceptions. We doubt the advantage of the publication of annual editions of the Standard catalogues, especially as they do not appear at any fixed date; the Scott catalogue coming as it does this year in the middle of the dealer's busy season, is more of a hindrance than a help to his trade. The delay was caused by the late appearance of Gibbons part 11, which did not arrive till August, and in consequence the work of copying the prices could not be begun till then. If we are to have an annual catalogue in future, we trust the Scott Co. will take an independent stand as regards prices, and bring out their work early in September, to the great advantage of commercial philately in America.

PHILATELIC RECORD. *Vol. 1. No. 1. Arthur R. Magill, Montreal.*—This latest addition to philatelic journalism is a modest venture of eight small pages and cover; the usual typographical errors inseparable from a first attempt at journalistic proof reading are much in evidence, but this defect will disappear as the editor becomes habituated to his work. The contents of the number before us are interesting, the best item being an article on the Nova Scotia cent series, by Edgar Nelton reprinted from the *Era* of 1897. Publisher's notices, a few editorial comments, an article on Denmark by Mr. Chapman, and advertisements complete the number. We wish the paper a full measure of success.

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Official Journal.....		$27 98
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	$71 08	$56 27
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	$71 08	$71 08

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		Cat.		
1847	5c unused	$ 7 50	$ 3 50	
	10c do	20 00	9 00	
1851	1c Type 1, fine copy used shewing lower part of stamp above. 2 sets of curls visible	25 00	12 00	
	1c Type 2, used	25	10	
	1c do 2, unused	2 50	1 00	
	1c do 3, used pair unsevered	20 00	8 00	
	1c do 3, copy on original Cover	10 00	5 00	
	10c unused, no gum	15 00	6 00	
	12c do do	20 00	8 00	
	12c used, 2 unsevered pairs, fine, 2 shades	7 00	4 00	
1856	1c Type 2, unused	10 00	5 00	
	1c do 2, used	1 00	40	
	1c do 2, strip of 3 used	3 00	1 50	
	1c do 3, used	12	05	
	3c outer line	25	10	
	10c used	30	15	
	12c do	75	35	
1861	1c unused	30	15	
1861-2	1c 3c 5c 10c used	46	25	
1862	2c unused	45	25	
1868	2c do, grille 11 x 13	3 50	1 50	
	3c do do 11 x 13	5 00	2 50	
	10c do do 11 x 13	7 50	3 50	
	12c used do 11 x 13	40	20	
	2c do do 9 x 13	10	04	
	10c do do 9 x 13	60	25	
	15c do do 9 x 13	1 50	50	
	15c unused do 9 x 13	10 00	4 50	
	15c do do 9 x 13 fine block of 8	80 02	45 00	
1869	1c 2c 3c 6c all unused	7 00	3 50	
	12c used	50	20	
	90c perf. proof unused fine		5 00	
	90c original, full gum, not evenly centred	35 00	25 00	
	1870 6c grille used	3 00	1 50	
	1870-1 2c National unused, no grille	1 50	70	
	3c do do do	2 00	90	
	6c do used do	10	04	
	12c do do do	40	15	
	24c do do do	1 50	80	
	7c do do do	50	20	
1873	1c Continental unused	1 00	40	
	7c do do	6 00	2 75	
1873	15c Continental unused	10 00	4 50	
	24c do used	3 00	1 25	
	30c do do gray black	50	20	
	90c do unused	6 00	3 00	
1875	2c verm. do do	1 00	60	
	5c blue do do	2 00	1 00	
1879	1c American do	1 00	50	
	3c do do	40	20	
	15c do red orange unused	40	25	
	15c do do do block of 50	20 00	12 50	
	90c American unused	7 50	3 50	
	90c do used, strip of 3	3 00	1 25	
1882	5c Garfield unused	50	20	
	10c do do	30	20	
1883-7	1c 2c 2c 3c 4c all unused	44	20	
1888	4c 5c 30c do	1 27	60	
	30c used	35	15	
	30c do pairs	70	35	
1890	1, 2 carm. 3c 4c 5c 6c 8c all unused	71	40	
	2c lake unused	50	20	
	1c to 30c used	27	10	
1893	1c to 50c used	1 36	70	
	50c very fine vertical pair used	1 00	60	
1894	No wmk. 1c to 50c used	54	25	
	do 10c 15c 50c unused	1 25	90	
1895	Wmk. 1c to 10c unused	75	40	
	do $2.00 do	2 50	2 25	
	do $2.00 used not centred	1 50	1 00	
1898	Omaha, 1c to 50c unused	1 38	90	
Unpaid (brown)	1, 2, 3, 10c used	37	15	
	" 3, 5c unused	40	20	
	Red brown 30c 50c used	1 95	95	
	Bright claret 1c to 30c used	66	30	
	do 30c 50c unused	2 00	1 00	
Newspaper	Continental 2c 3c unused	1 25	60	
do	do 4c unused trimmed at bottom	75	30	
do	Continental 8c unused	2 50	1 25	
do	do 60c do	7 50	3 50	
do	do 96c do	10 00	6 00	
do	American 1c 2c 3c do	1 10	40	
do	do 72c do	10 00	6 00	
do	1895 U.S. P.S. 1c 2c 10c unused	45	20	
do	Facsimiles 9c 12c to 48c, 84c 6 var		1 50	
do	do 1 00 to 60 00 9 var		2 50	

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENTS.

		Cat.		
Agriculture	Continental 2c unused	1 00	50	
do	do 3c and 6c used	1 00	50	
do	do 1c specimen unused		30	
Interior	Continental 1 2 12 24c unused	1 83	90	
do	do 30c used	75	35	
do	American 3 6 and 10c unused	1 13	50	
do	do 15c do	3 50	1 75	
Justice	Continental 6c do	2 50	1 20	
do	do 10c used	3 00	1 20	
do	1c Specimen unused		50	
Executive	1c Specimen do		1 50	
Post office	Continental 2c 12c unused	1 25	60	
do	do 15c 24c do	2 00	90	
do	do gray surface 3c 6c 30c unused	1 45	65	
P. O. Seals	751 753 755 unused		40	15
do	752 Post obitum do	3 00	1 25	
Navy	1c 2c do	1 75	85	
do	3c 6c do	90	40	
State	3c 6c do	1 50	80	
do	7c not perfect used	3 00	1 10	
do	1c 2c "Specimen" unused		50	
do	1c Error "Specimen" do rare		1 50	
Treasury	Continental 1 3 6 12c unused	2 05	1 00	
do	do 2 10 90c used	97	40	
do	do 30 unused	50	20	
do	do 7c pen can used	1 50	75	
War	do 6 12c unused	2 50	1 00	
do	do 15 24 90c do	1 45	70	
do	Continental 7 10 30c used not choice	3 30	1 20	

UNITED STATES REVENUES.

	Cat	
1st issue imperf. Nos 2804, 6, 23, 24, 41	$1 14	$ 45
do do No 2842 Bond used punched	10 00	3 50
do imperf. Nos 2843, 4 used punchod	50	15
do do Nos 2847, 8, 9 used	2 00	75
do part perf. Nos 2851, 2 do	1 10	50
do do Nos 2853, 5 do	2 75	1 10
do do Nos 2859, 2860 used	5 30	2 50
do imperf. 50c probate	2 00	90
do part perf, 60c in ex.	75	35
do imperf. Nos 2866, 7, 9 punched	3 50	1 20
do do $1 00 Mortgagc	1 50	70
do do $5.00 Conveyanc	1 50	70
do perf. 1c playing cards	3 00	1 25
do do 2c cert. Nos 2806, 7	1 00	45
do do 2c pl. cards Nos 2810, 11	75	35
do do 2c prop. Nos 2812, 3	1 35	65
do do 3c Nos 2815, 7, 8	50	20
do do 5c pl. cards and prop.	1 50	70
do do 1c to 20c. 24 var. some unused all in fine condition	1 60	1 00
do perf. 25c to 70c 15 var. same condition as above	1 05	60

	Cat.	
1st issue perf. 30c for ex	1 50	70
do do 50c for ex	50	20
do do $1.00 manifest and probate	1 85	90
do do 2,00 probate	1 00	45
do do 1 00 to 2.50. 8 var. some unused	72	35
do perf. $ 3.50 in ex.	1 50	70
do do 15.00 Mortgage	6 50	3 00
da do 20.00 con and 25,00 mtge small piece from corner of each	5 15	1 75
do perf. $20,00 con. & 25.00 mtge not damaged	5 15	2 75
2nd issue 2, 3, 4. 5, 10. 15	1 57	75
do 25, 30. 50, 70, 1,00	1 54	75
do 2,00, 3,00, 5.00	2 60	1 25
3rd issue 2, 5, 6, 30, 40, 60, 1,00 2.00	3 29	1 50
Prop. 1871. 3, 4c on violet and green paper (4 stps)	1 15	50
do do 6, 10c green p	3 25	1 50
do 1875, wmk 1, 2, 3. 4, 4, 5, 6 vio	4 31	2 00
do do roul. 1c	1 00	40

FOREIGN STAMPS.

	Cat.	
Conf. States 1861, 5c green	40	20
do 1862, 5c blue unused	50	20
do Nos 207, 211 (2 shades) 212 all new	57	25
Angola 11 var unused, 3 var used	90	40
do 1870 40 r. used	1 75	85
Angra 1892, 5 var, 1896 2½ 10 50 r. 7 var	48	20
Annam & Tonquin Nos 1 & 3 unused	50	20
Antigua 1862, 6d no wmk	6 00	3 50
do 1873, 1d car cc 12½ 6d cc 14	1 90	90
Antigua 1873, 4d cc	60	25
do 1882, ½d 1d 4d blue 4d orange ca	72	30
Argentine Rep, 1882. ½ on 5. No 42 unused	50	20
do Rep, 1892 1, 2, and 5p.	1 03	50
do do official Nos 253, 5, 9, 267 268 all new	1 45	70
Austria Levant, Envel. cut sq 5 var new	60	25
Bahamas 1862 1d lake cc 12½ new	1 50	70
do do 4d used, 6d new ec 12½	2 00	90
Bermuda 1865-73, 6d 1sh 3d all new cc	3 47	1 60
Barbados 1859 6d orange used	60	30
do 1871 1d blue large star used	3 00	1 50
do do ½d bl gr small star unused	18 00	10 00
do 1871 1d blue small star used	15	06
do 1874 1d blue large star used	18	08
do 1874 3d vio cc 14 unused	3 50	2 00
do 1892 2½d to 2s 6d 6var unused	2 15	1 50
Bavaria 1850-8. 18 kr used	1 00	40
do 1862, 1 kr new 18 kr used	1 05	50
Belgium 18 6 1 fr violet used	1 00	50
do 1884-91, 25, 50c 1 fr unused	1 07	50
do unpaid 1895 5c to 1 fr do	76	40
do Postal Packet 12 var used	45	20
Bolivia 15 stamps (3 unused)	97	50
Bremen 1861 6sgr green used damaged	4 00	1 50
Brazil 1866 10 50 1.00 5.00 all unused	1 36	65
do 1844-66 6 var 12 stamps all used	61	25
do 1878 7 var rouletted (2 unused)	75	35
do 1885 50 to 700 r used	73	30
do 1894 10 to 1000 r unused (except 200 r	1 17	55
do unpaid 9 var (4 unused)	53	25
po do 2000 r unused	1 00	50
do Newspaper 12 var (6 unused)	4 43	2 10
do Envelopes & Wrappers 6 var cut sq new	89	40
Br. Bechuanaland 1886-7 10 var 4 unused	2 56	1 25
do 1892 4d printed both sides		50
do 1892 1 2 & 4d used 1sh unused	84	53

	Cat.	
Br Bechuanaland Nos 32, 38, 40 unused	41	20
Br. Central Africa 2d & 1d on 3sh unused	45	22
do do 3sh 1896 used	1 25	55
Br. Columbia 3d blue (2) 2c all unused	1 75	80
do 10c perf 12½ unused badly faded	20 00	3 00
Br. Guiana 1853 1c verm used slighty damaged	15 00	6 00
do 1862 1c black No 29 unused	75	40
do 1862 8c rose trimmed all round used		50
do 1863 1c No 45 used No 50 unused No 51 used	1 33	60
do 1863 24c, perf 12 used	85	40
do 1881 1 on 48c unused	1 00	50
do 1882 1c to 8c CA (2 unused	37	15
do 1889 8c 72c both used 2c red and black unused	1 55	75
do 1898-9 1c to 15c all new	77	40
do do 2c on 10c "Gents"	1 50	75
do Official 1877 2c orange used	2 50	1 10
do 1881 2c on 96c—pair shewing types No 96 and 97 used	1 10	75
Br Honduras 1865 1d blue no wm'k unused	75	50
do 1888 20c on 6d 1891 4 sur. all new	1 35	65
do 1891-2 1c to 24c all new	93	45
Br No Borneo 1887-90 ½c to 10c (4 unused)	72	30
do 1897 1c to 8c used	29	13
do 1895 25, 50c $1.00 used	88	40
Br So Africa 1891 ½, 1, 2, 4d new 1, 2d used 2d (no 24) used	78	30
do 1891 6d new and used	1 20	50
do 1896 4d black sur unused	75	40
do Nos 26, 27, 44, 58, 59 all new	42	20
Brunswick 1856 4, 4g gr brown unused	40	20
do 1863 1gr 2gr 2gr new ⅓gr used	1 89	90
Bulgaria 1889 1s to 1l-3 lower values new, post used	26	10
Canada 1851 3d laid p used	1 25	50
do 1852 3d wove p used	30	15
do do 3d ribbed p used	1 25	50
do do do with imprint, v fine used	1 25	75
do 1852 6d wove poor copies each	5 00	1 75
do do 6d unsevered pair, one good the other damaged, say		5 00
do 1855 10d blue fair	7 50	4 00
do 1857 ½d pink, unused, oxidised	6 50	3 00
do 1857 do used fine	3 25	2 00
do 1857 do used good	3 25	1 50
do 1857 7½d used damaged	15 00	4 00
do 1856 3d red perf unused, no gum	10 00	6 00

CANADA POSTAGE

	Cat.	
Canada 1857 3d red perf. used fine	3 50	2 00
do 1859 1c pink new	50	25
do do 5c do	40	20
do do do pair	80	40
do do 10c do red lilac new	5 00	3 00
do do 10c red lilac used	45	20
do do 64 10c violet new	5 00	2 50
do do 10c do used	45	20
do do 12½c green used	30	20
do do 2c rose several poor copies each	1 00	25
do do 17c blue used	85	70
do do do new	2 50	1 10
do do fine with piece of cover attached showing postmark Dec. 31 1890	1 00	
do 1868 ½c unused	18	10
do do used	18	10
do do unused strip of 10 with imprint	1 80	1 20
do 1c b. or 1c yel. 2,3,6,21½ 15 all used	1 09	50
do unused	1 25	80
do 1870 3c laid p	3 50	1 60
do 1868 1c watermark unused 2 spots	10 00	4 00
do 1868 1c do used	2 00	1 00
do do 2c do do	2 50	1 00
do do 6c do slight tear	7 00	3 00
do 1875–7 5c olive green unused	2 50	1 25
do olive green used	50	40
do 1882-90 ½c pair unperf. between rare	5 00	
do 1869-72 3c rose and 3c red unused	40	25
do 1882-90 ½c to 10c all unused	76	4 0

	Cat.	
Canada 1882-90 10c ribbed p. new and used	1 50	
do 1892–3 20c 50c unused	1 20	90
do do do used	42	20
do 1872-73 6c yel. br new and used	39	20
do 1897 Jubilee ½c black of 4 new	1 00	60
do 1897 do 1c do 4 do	12	06
do 1897 do 2c do 4 do	20	12
do 1897 do 3c do 4 do	24	16
do 1897 do 5c strip of 4 do	40	30
do 1897 do 6c black 4 do	2 00	1 60
do 1897 do 8c do 4 do	72	48
do 1897 do 15c do 4 do	1 00	80
do 1897 do 20c do 4 do	1 40	1 10
do 1897 do 50c do 4 do	3 00	2 50
do 1897 do ½ and 6c used	75	40
do 1897 do ½ to 50c used all fine	2 02	1 25
do 1897 do ½ to 50c unused	2 70	1 75
do 1897 do 1. 2, 3c post-marked Victoria 1837, 1897 scarce		10
do 1897 Maple ½ to 10c used	38	20
do 1897 do unused	71	50
do 1897 Maple 6, 8, 10c used	30	18
do 1898 Numeral ½ to 10c used	24	15
do 1898 do do unused	57	45
do 1898 do do 5,6,8,10c used	20	13
do 1898 Maps 3 shades unused	13	10
do 1898 do 3 do used	06	03
do 1899 do 2 var surcharges	05	03
do 1899 do 2 do unused	08	06
do. Registers 2c orange and vermilion unused	42	20
do Registers 5c yel. green	18	10
do do 8c unused	2 50	1 50

FOREIGN STAMPS—*Contd*)

	Cat.	
Canada Official Seal used		60
do Envelopes entire unused 10c	2 50	1 75
do do do Nos 204 to 208	29	18
do Envelopes entire unused Nos 209 to 211	45	20
do Envelopes entire unused No 212	50	50
Cape of G.H. 1853 red blue p. used fine	60	30
do do 6d lilac pen. can. lovely	1 50	90
do 1865 4d. 6d, 1sh cc used	39	15
do 1868 1d. on 1sh. unused	1 00	50
do 1871-9 Nos. 23 to 25, 28 38 used 24 new	87	40
do 1881 Nos 33. 35. 36, 37 ca used	25	10
do 1881 No 34, 40 unused	2 50	1 25
Cape Verde Isl 6 var 2 used	54	25
Ceylan 1864-7 ½d cc unused	1 25	65
do 1d and 2d green used	1 37	60
do 10d used	1 00	50
Ceylan 1885 5c on 32c, 5c on 64 both used	50	20
do 5c on 48c used	2 50	1 10
do 5c on 8c, 5c on 16c ca used	68	30
do 5c on 8c used 28c on 32c new	37	15
Ceylon 1887 1 R 12c used	50	25
Chili 1867 Nos 9 to 12 unused No 13 used	1 00	45
do unpaid 1,2,4,10c all new	36	20
Central Am S.S.Co. 5 var unused complete	90	50
China 1875 3c verm lion used	50	20
China 1897 ½, 1,4,5,10 unused	50	25
do 20, 30, 50 all used fine	1 00	60

	Cat.	
China 1897 1.00 used fine	1 50	1 00
China Kewkiang Nos 2. 4, 5, 7 to 12 all unused	1 45	70
do Shaughai 8c No 36 unused	2 50	1 20
Col. Republic 1865 Nos 35, 38, 39 used	52	25
do 1866 1 Peso pen can	30	15
do 1868 Nos 55 to 57 all pen can	46	20
do 1870 10 Pesos used original	75	40
do 1883 50c insured letter stamp used	25	12
do Bolivar 1874-8 10c vio. used	50	20
do Bolivar 1882 5 p unused	1 50	70
do do do 10p do	2 50	1 10
do do do 5 and 40c unused	45	20
do Panama 1887-8 1, 5 50 unused	87	40
Congs, 1887-8 25c blue 50c brown used	37	15
do 1894-5 Nos. 16, 17, 18 20, 23 all unused	83	40
do do 5 francs used	65	30
Cooks Islands 1898, 2d, 6d, 1sh. all unused	75	60
Costa Rica official 1889 all but 10c unused	36	15
do 1892 1 to 20c uuused	98	45
Cuba 1855 ½rp unused	75	40
do 1862–4 ½ rp green lilac rose p new	1 50	75
do 1866 5c unused	1 00	60
do 1866 10, 20, 40c all unused	61	30
do 1873 12 ½ to 50c	43	20
do do 1 peso used	2 00	1 00
do 1874 12½ to 50 unused	38	16
do 1875 12½ to 1 Peseta unused	42	20

FOREIGN STAMPS—*Cont'd*

	Cat.	
Cuba 1876 12½25s. 1 Pe d1	52	25
do 1877 12½ to 1 Pes. do	66	35
do 1878 5c 12½c to 1 Pesdo.	1 23	65
do 1879 5c 12½ to 50c unused 1 Pes used	1 52	75
do 1880 5c 12½ to 1 Pes unused	51	25
do 1881 1c 2½ to 20c do	35	15
do 1882 1c to 10c do	39	20
do do 20c do	1 00	60
do 1883 5c to 50c sur a do	70	35
do do 5c to 10c sur b do	20	10
do do 5c to 20c sur d do	55	25
do do 10c sur e do	25	12
do do 5 parts of sur b and e unused curiosity		25
do 1884 4 Nos 124 unused 127 and 128 used	85	40
do 1888 No 130 used No 131 unused	35	15
do 1898-9 Nos 156 to 158, 160 to 163, 165 unused	46	20
do Newspapers1888 see comp unused	30	15
do do 1890 do do do	39	20
do do 1892 do do do	24	10
Curacao 1873 3c bistre unused	1 00	50
do do No 1, 3 to 6 used	60	30
do 1891 25 on 30 used	50	25
do 1892 12½c 25c 30c unused	55	25
Cyprus 1880½ d unused	1 75	85
do do 1d 2½ 4d unused	88	40

	Cat.	
Cyprus 1882 ½p to 6 pia all used	1 42	70
do 1884-6½ p Nos 19 & 26 used	70	35
do 1892 12 pia Die B unused	7 50	3 50
do 1894 18 dia used	85	40
Danish W. Indies 1873-96 Nos 5 to 11, 13 all used	1 80	1 00
do do 1895 10c on 5cc used and unused	50	30
Dominica 1874 1d cc 12½ used	1 00	50
do 1879 ½d cc unused	1 75	85
do do 1d cc used	50	20
do do 4d do do	60	25
do 1882 ½d on half of 1d No 10 unused	7 50	4 00
do 1882 ½d on half of No 11' 9 copies used on cover	15 75	8 00
do 1886 ½d on 6d, 1d on 1 sh unused	95	45
do 1883 ca ½d ½d 1d car 4d used	1 12	55
do do ca 1d vio 2½d ultra used	1 10	55
Dominican Rep 1880 5c new 20c 50c 75c 1p used	2 00	80
do do 1880 netted 1c new 5c to 1p used	2 28	90
do do Env. 8 var new 5 used	5 30	2 10
Dutch Indies 1864 10c unused imperf	2 50	1 20
do do 1888 10c used-price off cover	1 50	50

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3c "	1 50	75
10c used	75	30
12c " cut close	1 75	50
1855-60		
1c unused	50	25
5c " no gum off center	7 50	3 00
10c " " "	7 50	3 50
24c " 2 shades	3 00	each
30c used, fine copy	6 00	3 00
1861-1c unused	30	15
2c "	45	20
5c "	4 00	2 00
5c "	15 00	8 00
10c "	2 50	1 25
12c " no gum	2 00	1 00
24c " "	4 00	2 00
1867-2c " 9x13"	1 25	60
5c little off center	15 00	6 00
1869 2c brown unused	1 00	60
2c light "	1 00	60
6c unused	4 00	2 25
10c used	75	35
12c "	50	30
15c "	1 50	65
24c "	5 00	2 50
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3d., red-purple and green	0	6
4d., sage-green and green	0	8
6d., lilac and green	1	0
1/-, ochre and green	1	9
2/6, purple and green	4	6
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1d, purple	0	2	0	8
2d, lilac	0	4	—	
3d, blue	0	6	—	
4d, "	2	6	—	
6d, "	0	10	—	
1/-, red-brown	1	9	—	
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3d. on 1d., lilac, Buchuanaland Protectorate	—		27	6
6d. on 2d., green and red Bechuanaland Prot.	—		32	6

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1/-, on 4d., green & brown, British Bechuanaland	40	0
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" " " 10c red " "	07
" '92 1c on 1d block of 4 "	06
" '72 1sh cc perf 14 used	$1 20
Fiji 1893 1d and 2d used	06
France 1849 1 fr carmine used fine	45
Grenada 1860 small star 1d 6d 6d used	70
" " large " 1d bl gr used	30
" '75 ½ purple used	20
" '83 ½d 1d 2½d 4d "	15
Japan 1872 10 sen "	50
" '75 6 " No 44 "	15
" '74 6 " violet No. 76 "	30
" '75 15 " lilac "	60
Newfd 1866 2c green new	40
" '67 1c violet "	65
" " 3c blue used	30
" '76 2c roul new	50
" " 3c and 5c roul used	45
" '87 3c brown used 8 for	10
" " 5c blue used 4 for	10
" '90 3c used 8 for	10
" '98 ½ olive used 12 for	10
" " 1c green " 10 "	10
" " 2c red " 10 "	10
" " 3c orange " 10 "	10
" " 5c blue " 4 "	10
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50c "	05
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2d brown	12c "	2d violet	8c "	2/- blue & green	50c "
2½ blue	12c "	2½ blue	3.00 "	2/6 brown & purple	60c "
3d mauve	16c "	3d blue	12c "	3/- green & blue	80c "
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1881 10c. brown	"	12
1896 5c. slate blue	"	08
1896 10c. enamel green	"	12
1899 1c. yellow green	"	08
Hungary, 1872 5 kr	"	05
" " 10 k	"	12
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Hayti 1896 1c. blue	"	12
Japan 1 yen	"	25
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Italy 1856 40c. red	"	18
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Gold Coast 1 p. lilac	"	06
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Sierra Leone 84 2½	"	20
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NEWS OF THE MONTH.

Few if any events of so great importance in their bearing on philately have ever occurred as the death of the sovereign of the world wide British Empire. Over thirty different colonies and protectorates now issue stamps having Queen Victoria's portrait for design, and as it is now probable that in the near future these stamps will be replaced by others depicting the features of King Edward VII, during the first year of the century, we may see the issue of some 400 or more new colonial stamps. What will be the effect of this wholesale addition to the catalogues and albums it is difficult to tell. Will the new stamps tend to increase or diminish our ranks? When also it is considered, that Victoria's reign was the longest in the history of the British Monarchy, and that in the natural course of events, a reign of equal duration is impossible for several generations, hence changes in the stamps throughout the Empire must be more frequent in the future than in the past, therefore it would seem that collecting on the old lines is about at its end. The truly scientific plan of stamp collecting—the chronological one—seems destined to at last take the place of the prevalent clumsy alphabetical-geographical arrangement. This month there is little of an important character to chronicle in the way of new issues, the new set for Costa Rica, provisionals here and there, and a few odd values added to existing sets, make up the list.

ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

AUSTRALIA.—(*Stamps for the new Federation.*) Many of our contemporaries seem to expect an immediate issue of stamps for the Australian Commonwealth. We imagine that procedure similar to that followed when the provinces of Canada were confederated will be necessary before the issue of stamps. On July 1st, 1867, our separate provinces were united under the title Dominion of Canada, a premier was chosen by the Governor General, who organized a cabinet or government; appeal to the electors was the next step, and the government having been sustained by the popular vote called parliament together early in 1868. The post office act was passed, and on April 1st the first Dominion stamps were issued; for some months after the old Provincial stamps were accepted on mail originating in the Province of issue, after which they became valueless for postage but could be exchanged for the new stamps. Probably a similar delay of about nine months will elapse before the stamps of the Australian Federation will appear, but as the postal revenue from the date of Federation belongs to the General Government, while much of the fiscal revenue is local, those stamps formerly available for both fiscal and postal purposes will have to be restricted to one or the other objects in order to keep a separate account of the funds collected. For this reason some of these stamps are now appearing surcharged "Revenue" to indicate their restricted use.

BELGIUM.—(*The reported* 10c *cards, carmine*). In our August number we reported the forthcoming change of color of the 10c cards from brown to carmine, we learn that the letter cards only have been so changed, the post cards single and reply being still issued in the old color.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.—(1*d.*, 4*d.* *and* 6*d.* *in new colors.*) The following changes of colors have appeared in the official collections.

1d	black and carmine	formerly ultramarine
4d	" " olive	" carmine
6d	violet and brown	" green

CANADA.—(*Official denial of a reported immediate new issue.*) The following official despatch from the Post Office Department has been issued.

Ottawa, Jan. 30. — The Postmaster-General authorizes a denial of the statement that he is consulting with the contractors for printing postage stamps, with respect to the design of a new issue. Canada is the only British colony possessing stamps on which are engraved a portrait of the late Queen as she appeared at the time of the jubilee. In every other case Her Majesty is represented on the stamps as a young woman. For many reasons, and especially in view of the long and glorious reign of the late Queen, it is considered desirable that the present stamps be retained. It is likely that the Postmaster-General will await the action of the Imperial authorities before coming of any decision regarding new stamps tor Canada.

CEYLON.—(*Official 4 c. and 12 c.*) The 4 c. yellow, and 12 c. green and carmine, issued in 1900, have been surcharged ON SERVICE.

CHILI.—(*Provisional 5 centavos.*) We hear that a new type of revenue stamp, engraved by Waterlow & Son, 5 c. blue, has lately been used for postal purposes, during a temporary shortage of the regular 5 c. postage stamp, *Mekeel's W S. News* reports the provisional employment of the 1899 30 c. rose surcharged with a large "5" and thus used as a 5 c. stamp. From the *S. C. Fortnightly* we learn that this provisional was issued December 28th and that the total number to be surcharged, according to official decree, is 1,750.000.

CHINA.—(*New Post Cards.*) The 1 c. card single and reply of Japanese manufacture has now been replaced by similarly designed cards engraved by Waterlow & Sons, the inscription being changed as on the adhesives to read CHINESE IMPERIAL POST.

COREA.—(*Provisional 1 on 5 Poon*) The 5 poon green of 1895 has been surcharged 1 poon, in a similar manner to the 25 p. reported in September last.

COSTA RICA,—(*New Pictorial Set.*) As our January number went to press, we received from Mr. Huguenin, two envelopes mailed at San Jose, January 11th, on which were 5 c. and 10 c. stamps of new designs, evidently forming part of an entire new set. The engraving and style seems to indicate that they are made by Waterlow & Sons. The 5 c. is oblong and has a view of Puerto Limon in black, the frame being light blue; the 10 c. with yellow brown frame, and a central portrait in black of Branlio Carvillo, is of the usual rectangular shape. We have since obtained a complete set which comprises besides the above:—

1 c. green, Statue of Juan Santa Maria.
2 c. red, Juan Mora,
20 c. maroon, National Theatre.
50 c. lilac and blue, Jose M. Castro.
1 colon bistre, Bridge of Birris.

The colors are those of the outer frames the central vignettes are black except on the 50 c.

CRETE.—(*50 lepta in new color.*) In our October number we reported on the authority of *L'Essor Philatelique* that the 5 l. had been changed from green to pale blue. A Parisian correspondent informs us that it is the 50 l. that has been changed from violet to ultramarine.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—(*¼ c. and ½ c. Commemorative.*) The ¼ c. and ½ c. stamps announced in our number of June last, have been issued in the commorative type, as well as in the new "map" type, they are printed in black, the design of the 5 c. jubilee has been used for the ¼ c., and that of the 1 peso for the ½ c. They have been seen imperforate and perforated 11½c. From the *Philateliste Francais* we learn that the new map series have been suppressed and the stamps, plates and dies have been destroyed. It seems the stamps exaggerated the area of the country at the expense of the neighboring Republic of Hayti, which felt insulted by the issue of these stamps, and demanded their suppression.

FERNANDO PO.—(*Provisional 50 c. on 4 c. 1899.*) The omission of a 50 c. value from the set dated 1900, as listed in our November number, is somewhat surprising, as the necessity for that value had already been felt. Another variety is now reported, the 4 c. orange of 1899 surcharged with the circular type used in 1884-87 HABILITADO PARA CORREOS 50 CENT PTA. This surcharge is found in violet and in green, and specimens have been seen doubly surcharged in the two colors.

FINLAND. — (*New issue of Russian type.*) As we announced some months ago, the stamps so long in use bearing the Finnish coat of arms have been suppressed. A set, identical in design with

the current Russian stamps, but with the value expressed in the local currency (penni and marks) has been substituted. They came into use January 14th, and the set comprises the following values :

2	Penni.	yellow,
5	"	green,
10	"	rose,
20	"	blue,
1	Mark.	mauve and green
10	"	black and gray.

FRANCE.—(*The new set.*) We learn from the *Philatéliste Francais* that the new French stamps are engraved on wood, which gives them such an indistinct appearance. New copper plate dies are to be engraved, from which fresh plates will be made, from these it is expected much better and clearer impressions will be printed. The color of the 15 c. is to be changed to gray.

FRENCH CONGO.—(*The 10. 15, 25 and 50c recently issued.*) We learn from the *Am J. of Philately* supplemented by an interesting letter in the *Era* that the 10, 15, 25 and 50c of the old colonial type in new colors, listed in our December number were issued in error, and have been withdrawn. The issue which consisted of 10,000 of each value was at once bought up by Parisian dealers, all French colonials being now on sale in Paris, so they have never been actually issued in the colony. The order to print these stamps was given from an old list in the colonial office, it having been overlooked that Congo had a new design. Of the stamps of this new design, which we illustrated in July, we learn from several French contemporaries, that they have never even been sent out to Congo much less used there, but the entire issue was sold to supply the demands of stamp collectors. It seems that the printing was so badly done that the administration have given an order to another printing establishment for a supply for the use of the colony. Are the stamps of the first printing to be considered *essays?* Are they available for postage in the colonial offices?

FRENCH SOUDAN.—(*The new 10, 15, 25 and 50c.*) The stamps in new colors reported by us in December, were issued in error. This colony no longer exists politically, the territory having been divided up amongst other administrations in Africa, as noted by us in February 1900. The mistake occurred by the same means as that noted under French Congo. They can only be catalogued as stamps prepared for issue, but which never had any actual currency.

GERMAN COLONIES.—(*Post Cards new type.*) Cards with impressed stamp of the new type, 5 pf. green, and 10 pf. carmine, both single and reply have been issued for the following colonies : Cameroons, Caroline Islands, German New Guinea, German South West Africa, Kiao-Chow, Marianna, Marshall Islands, Samoa and Togoland. Also 3 pesa green and 5 pesa carmine single and reply for German East Africa.

GREECE.—(*More provisionals*). The followlng are to be added to our December list of the stamps surcharged A. M.

20 l on 25 l	blue of 1889	pert. and imp.	
20 l on 25 l	indigo	"	"
20 l on 25 l	ultramarine	"	"
35 l on 40 l	red lilac	"	"

The *Era* reports two surcharges on the Olympian games series, 25 l. on 40 l, and 50 l. on 2 dr.

HUNGARY.—[*20 and 35 filler stamps.*) Two new values of the current type have appeared, 20 f. brown and 35 f. purple. The 6 f. and 3 k. are to be withdrawn, and 2 k. blue and 5 k. claret stamps are about to be added to the set.

MACAO.—(*New 78 avos*). The new value 78 avos reported last month has made its appearance it is printed in black on pale blne.

MALTA.—(*½ d post cards.*) In consequence of the reduction of the charge on postal cards for the interior of the island a ½ d. card, single and reply, green on buff, with stamp of the same type as the adhesive of that value, has been issued.

NATAL.—(*1 d. letter card.*) A 1 d. letter card carmine and pale blue is announced by the *Monthly Circular*.

NEW ZEALAND.— (*1½ d. stamp.*) We have received from Mr. H. Bolitho specimens of the new 1 d. stamp described last month, also of the 1½ d. announced in our July number. The latter is of large oblong shape, the design is somewhat indistinct, probably on account of poor printing, it seems to depict a cavalry charge across the African veldt, with kopjes and tents in the background. The foreground is occupied by a winged female representing what? At each side stands a colonial soldier by his horse, below the one on the left are the words THE EMPIRE'S CALL, from which we infer the female must represent the Empire. The color is a yellow brown supposed to be *khaki*. Watermark N. Z. and star.

(*Provisional 1d letter card*). Mr. Bolitho also informs us that the 1½d letter card has been surcharged ONE PENNY on account of the reduction of the rate of postage.

NICARAGUA. —(*Official surcharged on unpaid letter stamps*). The unpaid letter stamps of 1896 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30 and 50 centavos, orange have been surcharged FRANQUEO OFICIAL in two lines in italic letters, for use as official stamps.

PERSIA.—(*Provisional 5 sh.*) The 8 shahi light brown, current type, is reported surcharged in black 5 shahi in European and Arabic characters. All the current issue have lately appeared ornamented with a peculiar black control mark, which looks like a post mark, the object of which has not yet been explained.

PERU.—(*1 sol, stamp of new type.*) A 1 sol. lake of the same design as the 1899 5s. [Scott A. 31] is announced by *Stanley Gibbons, M. J.* It has the date of issue at each side instead of ornaments.

PORTUGESE INDIA.—(*New high values.*) Of the new stamps reported last month as "shortly to appear," the following have been issued :

12 tangas	blue on rose	value in black
1 rupee	black on blue	" red
2 "	violet on yellow	" black

SIAM.—(*The three-quarter face set.*) A correspondent from Bangkok, informs *Stanley Gibbons, M. J.*, that the stamps described by us last month, with a three-quarter face portrait, must have been issued by mistake in one of the provinces, as the design was not approved of by the king. Only the 1, 2 and 3 atts of this set are known, the 8, 10, 12 and 64 atts mentioned last month are of the profile type previously chronicled.

SOUTHERN NIGERIA.—(*A new set reported.*) A complete list, with the information that the stamps are plate engraved, and have the Queen's head in centre on solid ground, is given by the *S. C. Fortnightly*, as follows :—

½ d.	pale green and black
1 d.	carmine "
2 d.	red brown "
4 d.	sage green "
6 d.	violet "
1 s.	olive green "
2/6	brown "
5 s.	yellow "
10 s	violet and black on yellow

TASMANIA.—(*The Platypus series*) As explained under the heading "Australia" the platypus type of fiscal stamps can no longer be used for postage, and have been surcharged REVENUE, to indicate their restricted use. As this law went into force December 1st and the surcharged fiscals were issued a few days earlier, a few have been used for postage up to November 30th. Only the 3 d, red brown has yet been reported as used postally with the fiscal surcharge.

URUGUAY.— (*Provisional 5 c.*) The 10 centesimos commerative of 1896, was surcharged in red in the following year PROVISORIO 1897, (Scott No. 118.) The remainders of these provisionals have been re-surcharged 1900 5 CENTESIMOS and a heavy bar blocking out the 1897. They were used for a week or two pending the issue of the new set described in our November number upon the exhaustion of the supply of the 5 c. blue engine type.

VICTORIA.—(*Reply and Commemorative Post Cards,*) A 1 d. reply post card carmine on buff has recently appeared, also a 1 d. single card with a design commemorative of the Confederation of the colonies. The latter is said to have been printed in five different colors.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA. — (*Fiscal Stamps.*) We are informed that the long revenue stamps are no longer available for posta gesince January 1st.

PERSONALS.

AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. PHILLIPS.

Mr. C. J. Phillips, manager and principle owner of the firm of Stanley Gibbons, Limited, was in Montreal from January 23rd to 26th. During his brief stay here he met most of the prominent collectors of the city. During the morning of each day he held a reception at the St. Lawrence Hall, his room being constantly crowded, by philatelists eagerly examining his valuable stock books; many sales were made at these receptions, but the bulk of his business here was done during his afternoon and evening visits to the homes of the gentlemen interested. Before his departure for Boston, on the evening of 26th Mr. Phillips was interviewed by a member of our staff, when he expressed his great satisfaction at the amount of business transacted in Montreal, which was far in excess of his expectations. He was not prepared to state the exact figures of his Montreal sales, but they approximated $10,000. "Some of our "firm's very best customers reside in "your city" said Mr. Phillips, "it was "from a Montreal collector that I re- "ceived that $1,100 check at Washington "which the Era correspondent wrote "about, but such remittances are nothing "unusual for us."

"I have sold on this trip so far, over "$56,000 worth of stamps, the demand "for really fine specimens of rare stamps "in America is very great, and your "American dealers do not seem to be "able to nearly supply the demand for "this class of goods." When asked about discounts, Mr. Phillips stated that the catalogue prices of his firm were strictly net for good specimens, while for extra fine copies of rarities he had no difficulty in obtaining much more than the catalogue prices; "the only discount we give is 10 "per cent on a cash purchase of $500 or "over."

Before leaving Mr. Phillips informed our representative that the American business of his firm had grown to such great proportions, that they had decided to open a branch office in New York, under the management of Mr. Power, where a full line of their packets, sets and publications and all new issues in mint state, would be constantly on hand; and in order to accommodate their Canadian customers, and save them unnecessary expense for duty and transportation, he had arranged with the International Stamp Co. to act as their sole wholesale and retail agents for Canada. He also intimated that when publishing subsequent editions of their catalogue, they would print a special American edition with prices in dollars and cents.

NOTES ON INDIAN PHILATELY

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Calcutta, January 3rd, 1901.

The Season's Greetings to all my Readers.

The lower value stamps of British India have changed their colors without there being any alteration in the design. As I have already, in a former note, described what the colors are, I do not recapitulate them here, and in your December number you must have chronicled the new issue from the specimens I sent you. The stamps were to have been issued to the public on the 1st October last, but the Durga Puja Holidays (which last in Bengal for about 12 days) having begun two days before that date, the new issue was not available in Calcutta till the 12th of that month, and even then few people got it. It was not till a week later that the new issue was generally available. But daily newspapers from Madras bearing the post mark of the 2nd October were stamped with the ¼ and ½ anna stamps of the new issue. After a short disappearance the old issue is going as great guns as ever, and the use of the new issue is very rare. No one has yet seen the new issue with the official "On H. M. S.," surcharge as yet, nor have I heard that the Native States have yet been supplied with the new issue. Sirmoor, by the way, will shortly cease to have stamps of its own design, ths wave of Imperialism having surged up to the foot of the Northwestern Himalayas. British India stamps will be surcharged Sirmoor for use in that state.

From the annual report of the working of the Indian Post Office during April 1899 to March 1900, it would appear that the increase in the number of post cards (more than 17 millions) far exceeded the increase of any other class of postal art-

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THE MOTHER OF PHILATELY.

Of the tremendous strides that human progress has taken during the 19th century, we may safely affirm that nothing has contributed more to the happiness of mankind, to the advancement of civilization, and to the prosperity of commerce than the introduction of cheap rates of postage, and the necessary accompaniment—the postage stamp. It was in the third year of the reign of Victoria the Good, that this emblem of prosperity, civilization and human happiness first appeared, the old familiar Queen's head-black. Thls stamp in its size, and design has been the model for the great majority of the tens of thousands of different kinds of postage stamps that have since been issued, which form the units of which the vast science, hobby, pastime and business called Philately is composed.

The official portrait of the Queen depicted on this stamp, was that adopted for the early coinage of her reign, and while of late years the portrait on the British coinage has been altered, that of the British stamps has ever remained the same. The first colonial stamp issued was from the island of Mauritius, where as in the Province of Quebec the majority of the populace are loyal French speaking British subjects,—loyal and true because Victoria's rule guaranteed to them their natural rights as free-born British subjects, to use on all occasions their mother tongue and to maintain their native laws and customs, And it is this liberty, this respect for inborn, individual rights, wherever the British flag flies, that has made the Empire during Victoria's reign "the vastest that has been.' It is estimated that nearly one hundred different languages are officially recognized in various parts of the British Empire, and it is well known that under no other flag is this true freedom guaranteed. This is the reason Victoria was so loved, why she is mourned for by her millions of subjects, and why they feel deep down in their aching hearts—we have lost the mother of us all. It was in 1847 that the Mauritius 1d and 2d appeared, roughly

copied from the design of the mother country.

In 1850 the next colonial Queen's heads were issued from Victoria, 1d and 3d values. The inscriptions and general design and colors of these stamps are again evidently copied from those of the home land, but a new portrait was introduced, modeled from the coronation pictures. What is known as the real coronation portrait was first used on the Canada 12d in 1851, and it has since appeared on the stamps of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Queensland, Tasmania, Bahamas and Natal. The portrait in "widows weeds" first appeared on the postage stamps of Newfoundland, and about the same time on the Canadian bill stamps. A similar portrait is also seen on the stamps of Niger Coast, British East Africa, the higher values and the 3 pies of India, and also on our current issue of Canada. These variations however are the exceptions, nearly all the colonies still use the old official portrait, and as it is only an official portrait, and never pretended to be a true likeness of any period of the Queen's life, it is to be supposed that these will now soon disappear to give place to the official portrait of the reigning King.

As it was in Victoria's reign and empire that the postage stamp originated, so from that point also dates the birth of philately, and no philatelist worthy of the name, no matter of what race or creed a lover of his stamps, but mourns with us British subjects, the loss of that great good Queen, whom we as her children in nationality or in philately lament this day as a mother departed from our earthly ken.

STANLEY GIBBONS, LIMITED.

The enormous proportions to which Philately, as a branch of commerce, has grown within the past few years, was exemplified by an examination of the stock books, carried by Mr. Phillips, the managing director of Stanley Gibbons, Limited, on his business trip to America. Two medium sized leather trunks held these valuable books, yet they represented a cash value of upwards of $250,000. Page after page of stamps, valued at from $100 to $500 each, were there; and these, as Mr. Phillips stated, were only samples of their stock, the firm being prepared to duplicate and triplicate anything he had with him. What would most surprise the uninitiated, was the spectacle of our shrewdest business men, bank directors, merchants, and professional gentlemen investing large sums in the coveted little bits of paper, often at prices much above Scott's latest catalogue figures. For example a fine used double Geneva catalogued by Scott at $125, was sold in Montreal for $220 and the purchaser was more than satisfied at obtaining what he had long looked for in vain.

Commercial philately is still in its infancy in America, is the common remark of those who have seen for themselves, to what proportions it has attained in London and other European capitals. A perusal of the various dealers announcements in our American Journals, and the juvenile nature of the contents of most of those journals, would leave the impression that stamp collecting in this country was still but a pastime for school boys, and not as we know it to be a serious scientific pursuit, demanding the expenditure of the means of the millionaire, and the close discriminating thought of our keenest minds. Cheapness, penny sets and packets, are the most prevalent offerings of our dealers, while only one or two seem to cater to the wants of the advanced philatelist. Does this practice depend upon the fact that our collectors prefer sending to Europe for their most expensive wants, instead of patronizing the home dealer? Even when he has the very specimens they require, many collectors will offer a local dealer 50 per cent of Scott's catalogue, or buy from a foreigner at perhaps 100 per cent advance. Or is it that our dealers do not as a rule

carry the expensive class of stock that our advanced collectors demand, and when by chance a rarity is picked up, that it is usually bought at bargain figures, and the collector demands a share in that bargain, if he becomes a buyer? However this may be the fact exists, that American dealers, even the very largest firms, do not obtain or even ask the price for rarities from our collectors that they can get from dealers in Europe, and the same stamps are often sent back here and sold by the European dealer at his full catalogue figure.

A shrewd philatelic merchant, like Mr. Phillips, head of the largest stamp firm in existence, whose finger is on the pulse of the philatelic market, has not been slow to note the fact and to take advantage of it. He has already opened a branch office in New York, from which center he expects to distribute a constant supply of all classes of philatelic merchandise, and he has also for Canadian collectors decided to establish in Montreal, Canada's philatelic metropolis, an agency specially for the sale of albums, catalogues, hand-books and other philatelic publications, and by this step save to Canadian collectors a large percentage of the cost of importation on such works. To the International Stamp Company this Canadian Agency has been entrusted, and we extend to the gentlemen forming this concern, our best wishes for their success.

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icles; and the total number of post cards passing through the post throughout the country has now reached a figure far in excess of the total aumber of paid letters. The total number of letters registered during the year was more than ten millions.

"The total value of the issue of ordinary stamps was Rs, 1.42,47,912, and of service stamps, R27,82,594, there being an increase over the figures of the preceeding year of Rs.7,90,976 in the value of ordinary stamps, and of Rs.86,269 in the value of service stamps. The issues ordinary stamps were largest in the Bombay circle where they amounted to over twenty-eight lakhs of rupees. Bengal comes next with issues of over twenty-five lakhs of rupees. The inland single post cards continued to command the highest sales, the total issues being over 130 millions in number. The small half-anna envelope had the next largest sale, over 77 millions being issued during the year. Of the half-anna adhesive stamps, over 68 millions were issued, of the half-anna reply post cards, over 20 millions, and of the half-anna adhesive stamps, over 7 millions. The sales of the one-anna adhesive stamps rose from 12 millions to 14 millions, and of the quarter-anna adhesive stamps from 7½ millions to 18 millions. In the case of the half-anna and one anna stamped wrappers, of the foreign post cards, both single and reply, of the ordinary half-anna square envelopes, and of the one-anna soldiers' envelopes, the sales declined; but there was an improvement in the number of one-anna square envelopes issued, both ordinary and service, and there was also an increase in the sales of registration envelopes of both sizes, over the figures of the previous year. Apart from the sales of postage stamps, one-anna revenue or receipt stamps to the value of Rs. 4,15,899 were sold during the year, through the agency of the Post Office."

It would be interesting to my readers to know that the total value of stamps sold in Borneo and Labuan is £20,000 of this amount only £800 represented the value of stamps actually used on letters, &c., and the balance of £19,200 represents the tribute paid by Philately. Truly, a good source of income!

CREAM OF THE MAGAZINES.

PHILATELY IN THE NEW CENTURY.—Our fascinating hobby has weathered so many storms, withstood so many shocks, in the past that it is beginning to be regarded—and we think justly so—that stamp collecting is a pursuit that will endure when nine out of ten of the ephemeral fads and crazes of to day are gone and forgotten. From a mere schoolboy's pastime Philately has grown into a serious and scientific pursuit

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PHILATELY AS AN AID TO CULTURE IN THINGS PERTAINING TO RELIGION. —When we consider what a power religion has exercised from the earliest ages upon the mind of man, it may not be amiss to enquire what witness is borne to this fact by philately. In pursuing this investigation one naturally turns first of all to the mythology of ancient Greece, inasmuch as its influence was too widespread and deep-rooted for its memory to have altogether faded away. Consequently we have the graceful head of Mercury—the messenger of the gods—as the normal design of the postage stamps of Greece; and the same herald of news is presented to us in more or less pleasing fashion upon stamps of Austria, Brazil, Crete, and Uruguay. But when we come to the particular issue commemorating the revival of the Olympic Games, the range of our subject is considerably extended. There we may notice Atlas bending beneath his ponderous load, Minerva raising her shield decorated with the Gorgon's head, Hercules, and apparently Apollo, and Nikè or Victory with extended wings. The female figure on the 10 cents Uruguay of 1895, is probably meant for Ceres, the goddes of corn; while "great Herè," otherwise known as Juno, is also supposed by some to be the intention of a well-modelled head upon another of the Cretan stamps.

The mythology of India Is likewise of great antiquity; and we are reminded of its existence by representations of idols upon the stamps of Duttia and Jhalawar; while yet a third system, almost lost in the dim recesses of the hoary past, is indicated by the unimpassioned features of the Sphinx which keeps its silent watch and ward over the pyramids of Egypt.

Advancing with the march of time we note that the cross, the symbol of Christianity, is emblazoned on the shields of Switzerland, Modena, Tuscany, and some of the lower values of Italy. The crescent of Islam is conspicuous on most of the emissions of Turkey, and in a lesser degree as the watermark of nearly all the Egyptian issues. The sunburst on the stamps ot Persia awakes recollections of the fire-worshippers of Iran, those Ghebers who bowed in adoration before the ristng orb of day; while a similar device upon stamps of Peru preserves the memory of the Incas—the heaven-born children of the sun—a gentle race, whom, along with their religion, the Spaniards so ruthlessly exterminated. The open book of the Law, which adorns one of the emissions of Bolivia, is presumably the Bible; and the three figures by the healing spring on the stamps of Nevis may be regarded as emblematical of Faith, Hope and Charity. The Virgin Islands, appropriately to their name, recall to us first of all the parable of the virgins and their lamps as recorded by St. Matthew; then the Mater dolorosa, or the sorrowing mother of our Lord; while in their latest issue the Virgin with the lily branch seems more suggestive of the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church.

In the sphere of saints and angels we have St. Michael beating down the old serpent on the labels intended to popularize the Brussels Exhibition ; the same archangel is represented on one of the Cretan stamps, and probably also on the several sets got up in honor of Vasco da Gama, Another angel, possibly the one referred to in Rev. xiv.. 6, appears flying across one of last year's commemorative stamps of Brazil. St. Paul's escape from shipwreck, as related in the Acts of the Apostles, is depicted on the highest value of Malta ; and we find St. George and the dragon on the fiscal postals of Tasmania and also on another stamp of Crete. A series of events in the history of St, Anthony is presented to us on a special commemorative issue of Portugal; and a similar issue of Venezuela refers to some wondrous story under the title of the apotheosis of Miranda.

Amongst other developments of religion the temporal power of the papacy is indicated by the cross-keys and the tiara upon the stamps of the Roman States. On various emissions of Mexico we have a portrait of Hidalgo the priest, a patriot and reformer ; while another ecclesiastic, said to be a Jesuit missionary, is shown upon the 1 cent stamp of Omaha as preaching to the red Indians. —*Morley's Philatelic Journal.*

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80 pf. bl'k and carmine on rose	1	2
1 mark, carmine	1	4
2 marks blue	2	8
3 " purple black	4	0
5 " crimson and black	6	6

GERMAN EAST AFRICA.

1901. *Same types as above but values in pesas and rupees.*

2 pesa, brown	0	1
3 " green	0	2
5 " carmine	0	2
10 " ultramarine	0	4
15 " black and orange on pink-buff	0	6
20 " " carmine	0	7
25 " " mauve on pink-buff	0	9
40 " " carmine on rose	1	2
1 rupie, lake	1	9
2 rupien, green	3	6
3 " blue, black, and red	5	0

GREECE.

1901. *Surcharged in red on Olympian issue.*

25 l. [A.M.] on 40 l., purple	0	4
50 l. [" on 2 dr., bistre	0	7

ITALIAN LEVANT.

1900. *Italy. Type* 22. *Surcharged in* red.

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	s.	d.
1 piastra on 25 c., blue	0	4

MACAO.

1900. *Type* 27. *New values. Perf* 11½

5 avos, grey-brown	0	2	20 avos, brown on buff	0	8
10 " steel-blue	0	4	78 avos on azure	2	6
15 " pale olive	0	6			

MALTA.

1901. *New Type. Wmk, Cr. CA. Perf.* 14.

¼d., brown	0	1

NEW ZEALAND.

1900. *New value. Perf.* 11.

1½d., brown	0	2

PARAGUAY

1900. *New type. Perf.* 11½.

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1900. *Surcharged in* violet.

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" " "	4½d " not quite centered		80
" " "	6d used " " "		1 00
" " "	9d unused " " "		50
" " "	3c used, fine		1 25
Malta, 1901	¼d unused		02
Tasmania,	set of 8 " pictorial		70
Cook's Island	9 "		1 25
Canada, 1869 &c.	1c yellow block of 4 new,		10
1882	2c bl green " " 4 "		2c
"	½c thin p. " " 4 "		05
"	½c thick p. " " 4 "		40
"	10c rose " " 4 "		70
Newfd., 1898	½c olive " " 4 "		05
"	3c orange " " 4 "		12
"	5c blue " " 4 "		30
Canada, 1882	10c rose used	3 for	10
1872	6c yel br. "	5 for	10
1882	½c black "	20 for	10
1892	8c lilac &c "	20 for	10
1898	½c numerals "	30 for	10
"	10c " "	3 for	10
Newfd., 1887	3c brown "	8 for	10
"	5c blue "	3 for	10
"	1c green "	8 for	10
1890	3c slate &c. used	8 for	10
1898	½c olive "	12 for	10
"	1c green "	10 for	1c
"	2c red "	10 for	10
"	3c orange "	10 for	10
"	5c blue "	3 for	10
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20c "	07
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50c "	05
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20c "	10
50c "	05
Manitoba Law, C. F. in black and J. F. in red, 20c and 25c green, each	10
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2½ blue	12c "	2½ blue	3.00 "	2/6 brown & purple	60c "
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Germany 1900 1 mark	10
2 "	15
3 "	50
India 1883 8 annas	08
" 1885 4 "	06
" H. M. S. 4 annas	06
8 "	15
1 rupee	20
Jamaica 1885 ½ p green	06
" 2 p slate	08
" 3 p olive green	20
Official ½ p green	08
1 p carmine	08

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Argentine Rep. 1892 5c	10
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Bulgaria 1889 15 s	15
China 1898 2 c red	35
Netherland Queen 7½	40
" 1899 ½ c	20
" 1899 1 c	20
" 1870 1 c green	25
New So. Wales, 1882 2 d blue	25
" " 1892 ½ d slate	25
" " 1898 ½ d green	25
" " Jubilee 1d	25
New Zealand 1873 2d rose	40
" 1882 3 d yellow	60
" 1898 ½ d	35
" 1895 ½ d black	25
Peru 1895 1 c ultramarine	35
" 1897 5 c green	35
Straits Settlements '99 4 on 5, cat'd 6 c ea	90
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Uruguay 1895 1 c bistre	35

GERMANY 1901 5 mark, per 5 90

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NEWS OF THE MONTH

The set of stamps chronicled last month for Southern Nigeria has considerable historical importance, being an evidence of the important political events that are now taking place in that part of Britain's Colonial Empire, situated in West Africa. This issue is to supersede the stamps of the Niger Coast Protectorate and Lagos. The press despatches inform us that negotiations are now in progress, in diplomatic circles, by which that constant source of friction — the French shore rights in Newfoundland— is to be terminated, by the French Government relinquishing their treaty rights in exchange for the colony of Gambia. If this report is based on fact, a sudden demand for Gambian stamps is to be expected, and a consequent rise in prices.

Our list of new issues is somewhat shorter than usual this month, the order having come from our publisher to close forms sharp on time, and no copy to be sent in after the 10th. Our journal has been appearing about ten days late for the past three or four months, the delay being caused by the contractor not furnishing "cuts" on time as agreed. Last month we had no new cuts, those that should have appeared, arrived one day after the paper was printed, and they are used for this month's chronicle. We hope to get this annoying difficulty adjusted ere long, but cuts or no cuts our publisher has determined that the paper must be out sharp on time for the future.

ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC. —(*New 3c. and 15c. values of current set.*) The 15c. announced in our December number has been issued, its color is light blue, a 3c. orange has also been added to the current set and the 16c has been suppressed.

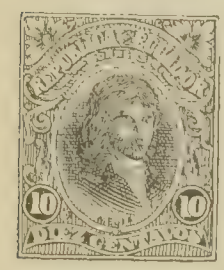
BERMUDA. — (*¼d. stamps regular and provisional.* A farthing rate of postage for newspapers having recently been decided upon, ¼d. stamps were ordered from London. As a new design could not be made in time for the date when the new rate was to come into force, 240,000 1 shilling, printed in grey, were surcharged ONE FARTHING. These were bought up the first day they were placed on sale by a few speculators, who are endeavoring to dispose of the stamps at 25c. each. As the entire issue only represented a face value of $1200.00, our speculative friends on the island hope to clear about $58,800 if collectors are silly enough to allow them to unload.

CHILI.—(*Fiscal 5c. used for postage.*) We illustrate the new type of the 5c revenue stamp, which as reported last month was, during a temporary shortage, used to replace the regular 5c postage stamp, during the month of October, 1900. Mr. H. A. Chapman has kindly sent us specimens of this, and of the previous issue of revenues, used on original envelope, for which we tender our sincere thanks.

COSTA RICA.—(*2, 5 and 10 colones of the new set.*) Three additional high values have appeared.

2 colones, carmine and green, J. R. Mora.
5 " brown and black, Jesus Jimenez,
10 " green and red, National Arms.

We illustrate the 1c and 2c which we reported last month.



ECUADOR.—(*Change of colors.*) The following changes have been made in the current bi-colored set, the vignettes remaining black as before.

1c scarlet formerly blue
2c green " lilac
5c lilac " lake
10c blue " violet

GREECE. — (*Surcharges on Olympic Games type.*) In addition to the 25 l and 50 l reported last month, *Ewen's Weekly S. News* is our authority for the following surcharges on the Olympic games type.

5 lepta on 1 drachma
1 drachma on 5 drachma
4 " on 10 "

The 1 dr. transformed into a 5 lepta, and the 5 dr. in turn made into a 1 dr. looks speculative, very! but perhaps some explanation may be forthcoming, so we give them the benefit of the doubt, before listing in our column of speculative and counterfeit stamps.

GREAT BRITAIN.—(*Change of color of ½d Stationery.*) Future printings of the ½d wrappers, post cards, and envelopes, are to be in green to correspond with the color of the ½d adhesive. The 1d wrapper will also be changed from brown to carmine. (*Edward VII stamps.*) It is semi-officially announced in the London government organs, that no immediate change of type will be made, but that stamps with the profile of Edward VII will be introduced gradually as existing stocks become used up.

GRENADA.—(*1d envelopes.*] A 1d carmine on white laid paper envelope, of the same type as the wrappers, has been issued.

HUNGARY.—(*New 2 and 5 Crown.*) Our European contemporaries list as issued, the two new high value stamps, announced by us last month, namely the 2 korona ultramarine, and the 5 korona claret, of the annexed type.

ICELAND.—(*New values, 25 aur and Official 4a.*) A German contemporary *Der Philatelist*, reports a 25 aur blue and yellow brown as added to the regular set, and a 4 aur grey to the official set.

ITALY. — (*New set in preparation.*) King Victor Emmanuel has at last been suited by his portrait painter, and a picture in which he is represented "full face" has been accepted as the central device for the stamps of his reign. They will be slightly larger than the current issue.

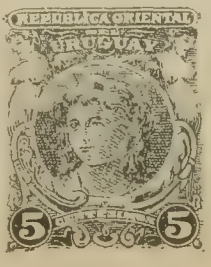
NEW ZEALAND.—(*The new 1d stamp.*) Regarding the new penny stamp the *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly* states :— The stamp was intended for universal penny postage, but the consent of the neighboring Australian colonies and of the Universal Postal Union not having been obtained, its use is for the present restricted to postage on letters posted for delivery within the Colony or to any British possession. For letters addressed to Australia the postage from New Zealand remains at 2d. the ½oz. and for all foreign countries at 2½d. the ½oz.

PERU. — (*1c. Commemorative.*) In commemoration of the new century, according to *Mekeel's W. S. News*, a 1c. stamp, green and black, has been issued.

SARAWAK.—(*1 cent in changed colors.*) The 1c now appears in blue and red instead of lilac and black.

SPAIN. — (*The new set.*) We illustrate the new stamps now in use, a list of which was given in our January number.

URUGUAY. — (*The new set.*) The stamps described in our November number are now coming into use, we illustrate the 5c blue and 10c violet, the 1c green is also to hand.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—(2½d. *stamps of new design.*) We are endebted to *Mekeel's W. S. News* for the first mention of a new design for the 2½d. blue.

SPECULATIVE STAMPS AND COUNTERFEITS.

The stamps described under this heading, we would advise collectors to avoid, as they are manufactured either by official authority or by private individuals for their own gain at the expense of Philatelists.

ROUMANIA. — (*Another Commemorative set reported.*) We suppose the recently announced set with a special large watermark, to be sold in blocks of twenty-five, was not considered sufficiently commemorative of the inauguration of the new Post Office at the Capital, as it is reported that another set is now in preparation to commemorate the same important event. They are said to be of Parisian manufacture, the design of the values from 1 to 50 bani to show a postman as central device, whilst the 1, 2 and 5 lei are to represent the King's portrait surmounting a picture of the new post office building.

SOUTH AFRICAN STAMP NOTES.

BY H. RUDD,

Oudtshoorn, 27 Jan., 1901.

The following paragraph regarding the censoring of letters by the military will no doubt be interesting to most readers as an envelope bearing an impression of the indian-rubber stamp, or the labels used by the censor to indicate that such letter has been passed by him, will be included amongst Philatelic curios.

CENSORSHIP OF MAIL MATTER.—So far as the Post Office Department is concerned, there has been and is no censorship whatsoever, in connection with the war, over mail matter, the law of the Colony prohibiting the opening of any letter passing through the post otherwise than in the Returned Letter Branch in the case of unclaimed correspondence sent in for return to the sender. In the districts where Martial Law has been in operation, however, the Military Authorities have exercised a partial censorship; but, at the request of the Department, all letters opened for examination were required to be closed by means of a label indicating the circumstances under which the right of censorship had been exercised.

Letters addressed to British prisoners of war were, by regulation, ordered to be posted open for inspection, and, after examination by the Military Censor, were sent forward to destination *via* Lourenco Marques, likewise open to inspection, in order to be passed by the Censor appointed for the purpose by the authorities in the Transvaal.

In a similar manner all letters for Boer prisoners were delivered by this Department to the Censor appointed by the Military Authorities here, by whom they were examined prior to being handed to the addressees.

The labels used are of all shapes and colors, and usually bear the words ON HER MAJESTY'S SERVICE above, OPENED UNDER MARTIAL LAW below. The Cape Coat of Arms and the initials of the Censor in the middle. In the case of letters of "prisoners of war," they being posted open, an indian rubber stamp with the words CENSOR PRISONERS OF WAR is used to indicate that such letter has been passed by him. These envelopes are already fetching a good price.

The following statistics taken from the latest annual post office report may prove interesting: 24,273,466 letters, post cards, newspapers, book packets, etc., were despatched from Cape Colony Post Offices. The stamps used represent a value of £125,400. The number of ordinary letters which passed through the returned letter branch were 222,669, while the registered ones reached a total of 2,371. 3,699,644 letters, 1,750,000 papers and books were despatched to the United Kingdom and countries served through it. The weight of mails despatched reachd 5,246,461 lbs. Enclosures consisting of bank notes, drafts, cheqnes, money orders, postal notes, coin, and stamps, to the value of over £4,000 were found in letters opened in the returned letter branch.

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USED OR UNUSED STAMPS.

A constantly recurring question amongst stamp collectors is that of "used or unused." We reproduce in another column part of a carefully written article by Miss Amy Swift, a writer who is always entertaining, even if she does now and then insist on that prerogative, conceded to the ladies, to be as illogical as they please. It will be seen that Miss Swift gives the preference to used stamps of current issues, because she judges they are likely to possess a greater monetary value in the future, than the same stamps unused. We also reproduce an editorial opinion from *Ewen's Weekly*, based, as in Miss Swift's article, on catalogue figures, in which the author claims to score "another point in favor of collecting stamps unused."

The reasoning in both cases is "philatelically" unsound because it appeals only to an incidental issue, that is the commercial side of the question. As we have before pointed out in these columns, used stamps can have *no* commercial value independent of their scientific value. It is the demand caused by collectors, who want them for more or less scientific purposes, that gives any value whatsoever to used stamps. Hence if solely considered from the commercial standpoint, the unused have the advantage, inasmuch as their face value represents so much cash, which, except in countries which demonetize their obsolete issues, is a permanent fixed value. The only way this much debated question can be settled is by deciding whether an unused stamp has more scientific value than a used one. That the unused appeals more to the artistic taste than the used is not disputed ; a page of clean bright unused stamps in an album is certainly a thing of beauty; whatever they teach of history, of chronology, of geography, or of the many other sciences, can perhaps be better learned from their undefaced features, than from postmarked specimens. Yet the unused stamp has not accomplished its mission ; it was intended to perform a certain duty, and until it bears evidence of that service rendered

it is incomplete. Postmarks are of themselves an interesting study, they fix dates of issue, indicate place of service, and in many ways are as instructive as the stamps themselves, but can they ever really increase the value of a stamp as some catalogue quotations would seem to indicate. As we see by the quotation from *Ewen's Weekly*, genuine postmarks can always be applied to stamps long after they are obsolete ; we know of no rule anywhere that forbids postmasters obliterating a stamp of any kind, and as a matter of fact what difference is there between a stamp postmarked to order and one or more affixed to an envelope and mailed with the express object of getting some unusual combination postmarked. In this connection we recollect one of our foreign correspondents who always requested us to put a Canada revenue stamp on our letters close alongside of the postage stamp, so that it might receive a share of the postmark ; we have seen United States postage stamps obliterated with Canadian postmarks and vice versa, but that did not prove they had done postal duty. The Scott Stamp Co. regularly advertise "we do not pass upon the genuineness of cancellations," and even if possible to so pronounce, can any one guarantee that a postmark admittedly genuine was regularly applied as a cancellation in the ordinary course of postal business.

These few random thoughts, pro and con, simply prove that appeals to the commercial aspect can have little value to settle the question, whether cancelled or uncancelled are most deserving of collection. If appeal is made to the scientific aspect, so much can be urged on both sides that he would be a judge of things philatelic, of extraordinary ability that would attempt to finally decide the point. It is one of those subjects that must be left to the individual taste of the collector. Probably the best way to collect is to do as so many of our leading collectors do, secure specimens of both kinds. But it is quite certain that that kind will maintain the highest value in the future, for which there is the greatest demand, and the least supply. If any one is able to settle this point in advance, a fortune awaits him.

CREAM OF THE MAGAZINES.

The valuable collection of the present day is one which consists mainly of unused stamps of old issues. Every collector is well aware of this, and is entirely too prone to take it for granted that the collection which is to be valuable must be built up on the same lines. But must it ? The old issues are worth so much more in unused condition, very few having been saved by either dealers or collectors. A glance over the issues now, and recently current will show that there are fully as many unused as used to be had, in some cases far more. Hence it follows that the unused of the current issue will never be so scarce, nor from a pecuniary standpoint so valuable, as the unused of the past. If collectors would but give a few minutes careful thought to the prevalence of unused stamps offered in the approval books and advertising columns of our dealers they could hardly fail to be impressed (not to say disgusted) with the result of their meditations. In many instances it is almost impossible to obtain used stamps of a set that in unused condition is common. As the issues add years to their age this difficulty will become more and more evident, until by and by we may hear of a used collection bringing as high a price at auction or private sale as the unused of old issues do now. Really, the unused of the present are becoming an actual burden ; just pictures which philatelists are expected to buy instead of stamps prepared for postal necessities.

Look through the catalogue, and note how many stamps are priced in unused condition only. I have not counted, but believe myself safe in saying that fully half of those issued since 1890 have that doubtful honor, while of the other half a goodly proportion are either placed on the same plane as the used or on a lower one. It was never so with the old issues, bar-

ring out remainders of course; the two are sometimes priced alike, but it is rarely indeed, that the used is quoted as being the most valuable. This being the case, is it not fairly certain that a collection of recent issues should be formed of used specimens, the scarcest, if the owner wishes it to grow in value with the years?—*Miss Amy Swift in Bay State Philatelist.*

Mr. N. C. Horwood, writes:—

"I have been offered some Virgin Island stamps (Gibbons numbers 28, 31, 32, 35, 38, and 41), lightly postmarked "A 91." If I remember rightly I saw some mention of these stamps so postmarked in E. W. S. N. some time ago, I shall be glad if you will let me know if they are all right and if you think them a good investment at about one-third of Gibbons prices for used copies as I can get them for that." The specimens referred to are very probably part of a large batch (postmarked to order), that have recently come on the market. Genuinely used copies are very scarce as may be seen from the following prices given in Gibbons' last catalogue.

28	Virgin Is.,	½d. green,	unused,	6d.	used,	4s. 6d.
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41	"	1s. brown	"	12s. 6d.	"	60s.

It would appear that a considerable quantity of the Virgin Is. remainders that were sold about 1891 were shipped back to the Islands (in 1899 or 1900?) and lightly cancelled with the A91 post-mark. The owner has recently been trying to unload these on collectors on the basis of the catalogue prices of genuinely used copies, and we advise every reader to have nothing to do with them. All of which is another point in favour of collecting stamps unused.—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News.*

An ingenious automatic device for weighing and indicating the necessary postage for samples and third class mail packages has been regularly installed in the French G.P.O., writes a Paris correspondent. Instead of handing such packages to the employees for weighing, one simply places them on the scales, and almost instantly there appears a little card stamped with the weight and the denomination of the stamp or stamps required. Any package placed on the scale that exceeds the maximum amount allowed for that class of mail matter immediately causes to appear a card with the words, "Too heavy."

THE ALUMINIUM STAMP MAY FOLLOW.

It is stated that experiments with aluminium as a substitute for paper are now under way in France. It is now possible to roll aluminium into sheets four-thousands of an inch in thickness, in which form it weighs less than paper. By the adoption of suitable machinery these sheets can be made even thinner and can be used for book and writing paper. The metal will not oxidise, is practically fire and waterproof, and is indistructible by worms. Aluminium paper may be followed sooner or later—later, we expect—by the aluminium stamp.—*Stamp Collector's Fortnightly.*

FRENCH MACHINE TO LICK POSTAGE STAMPS.

Paris, Feb. 22.—As a result of the persistent complaints of persons to licking postage stamps, the Minister of Posts, Telephones and Telegraph, instructed the engineers attached to his department to design a slot stamping machine. Two types are now being experimented with. In one, after the coin is inserted, the machine wets and affixes the stamp automatically if the letter is properly placed. The other weighs the letter, shows the amount of postage required, and immediately upon the insertion of the price the stamp is printed directly from the inked plates. Both machines are speedy and reliable. Every French post office will be provided with several as soon as they can be manufactured.—*Press Dispatch.*

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No. 196 G. C. Cuenod, Box 273, Galveston, Texas. Bookkeeper. Ref. W. J. Wurtele, H. Smith.

Where is our list of applications for membership this month? I am afraid the members are not exerting themselves much in trying to get new names. Let us all see what we can do for the next report.

H. SMITH, Sec,

FROM THE PUBLISHER.

Readers of the MONTREAL PHILATELIST are requested to carefully read over the Dealers Directory every month. In this issue three new names have been added.

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10 c. carmine. 15 c. grey, 25 c. blue, 50 c. brown on bluish Set of 4 . 2 10

GERMAN EMPIRE.

1901. *Perf.* 14.

2 pf. grey (Type 11)	0	1
5 marks, crimson aud black	6	3

POST OFFICES IN CHINA.

1900. *Current German Empire, surcharged* CHINA *in black,*

AND GERMAN COLONIES.

CAMEROONS, CAROLINE ISLANDS, GERMAN NEW GUINEA, GERMAN SAMOA, GERMAN SOUTH – WEST AFRICA, KIAUTSCHOU, MARIANNE ISLANDS, MARSHALL ISLANDS, TOGO.

1901. *New types, designs uniform for all Colonies. Perf.* 14.

3 pf, brown - -	0	1
5 pf. green - -	0	1
10 pf. carmine - -	0	2
20 pf. ultramarine - -	0	4
25 pf. black and orange on yellow	0	5
30 pf. " " pink-buff	0	6
40 pf. " carmine	0	7
50 pf. " mauve on "	0	8
80 pf. bl'k and carmine on rose	1	2
1 mark, carmine - -	1	4
2 marks blue - -	2	8
3 " purple black -	4	0
5 " crimson and black	6	6

GERMAN EAST AFRICA.

1901. *Same types as above but values in pesas and rupees.*

2 pesa, brown . . .	0	1
3 " green . . .	0	2
5 " carmine . . .	0	
10 " ultramarine . .	0	4
15 " black and orange on pink-buff . . .	0	6
20 " " carmine . .	0	7
25 " " mauve on pink-buff . .	0	9
40 " " carmine on rose	1	2
1 rupie, lake . . .	1	9
2 rupien, green . . .	3	6
3 " blue, black, and red .	5	0

GREECE.

1901. *Surcharged in red on Olympian issue.*

25 l. [A.M.] on 40 l., purple . .	0	4
50 l. [" on 2 dr., bistre . .	0	7

ITALIAN LEVANT.

1900. *Italy. Type* 22. *Surcharged in* red. *For use at* Canea, Crete. *s. d.*

1 piastra on 25 c., blue . . 0 4

MACAO.

1900. *Type* 27. *New values. Perf.* 11½

5 avos, grey-brown 0 2
10 " steel-blue 0 4
15 " pale olive 0 6
20 avos, brown on buff 0 8
78 avos on azure 2 6

MALTA.

1901. *New Type. Wmk, Cr. CA. Perf.* 14.

¼d., brown 0 1

NEW ZEALAND.

1900. *New value. Perf.* 11.

1½d., brown . . . 0 2

PARAGUAY

1900. *New type. Perf.* 11½.

2 c., grey 0 1

PERSIA.

1900. *Surcharged in* violet.

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"	"	1d. "	20 "	10
"	"	2½d. "	10 "	10
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NEWS OF THE MONTH

We have to report an unusually long list of stamps this month, nearly all being changes of colors, also a large number of post cards and other stationery.

In England there is much talk about changing the present 1d from lilac to carmine, but we fancy this will not be done till the Edward VII stamps, designs for which are being considered, are issued. A correspondent in Newfoundland, Mr. H. W. Thompson writes us saying that this colony has outrun all other British possessions, in being the only colony having in use a stamp bearing the portrait of the present King of England, Edward VII. We are pleased to note that of late there has been a great demand for Canadian stamps, especially for the 6 and 8c. of the 1898 numeral set, these stamps, along with the 3c. being obsolete. It is curious to note that nearly all European countries have changed or issued new stamps within the past twelve to fourteen months. Austria, Bosnia, Crete, France, Germany, Holland, Hungary, Spain. Turkey joins the race this month. New sets are in preparation for Greece, Italy, Montenegro and Switzerland, and rumor states that we may shortly expect them from Belgium, Russia, and Great Britain; this would leave only one or two countries whose stamps will not have been completely changed from what they were two years ago.

ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—(*12c. and 30c. in new color.*) The 15c. chronicled last month having taken the color of the 12c., that value is now printed in olive; the 30c. now comes in vermilion instead of rose.

BRAZIL.—(*50 reis unpaid letter stamp*). The 50r., yellow green, of the new type

CRETE.—(*Unpaid letter stamps*).—In August last we announced the forthcoming appearance of an unpaid letter set giving particulars as to color, design, etc. In October the *Am. J. of P.* denied this report on the authority of the "highest postal authority of the island," and stated that certain fiscal stamps were doing duty for the collection of postage due. As these latter were not included in the 60th edition Scott catalogue, the editor of the *Am J. of P.* evidently did not attach much importance to the report of their postal use. After all, in spite of the "highest authority" our first report was correct in every particular, the stamps have been issued. The set consists of eight values:—1, 5, 10, 20, 40, 50 lepta, 1 and 2 drachmae of uniform type printed in red. The design is, with the exception of the inscriptions and some slight changes in the shape of the crown, an exact copy of the current postage stamps of Norway. At the top of the oval KPHTH takes the place of NORGE, the figure of value is in the circle formed by the post horn and the denomination to collect in Greek characters is in the oval at base. The *Am J. of P.* reports that the current adhesives set 1 l. to 5 dr. has been printed in olive bistre and used as unpaid letter stamps.

ERITREA.—(*New set in preparation.*) In June last we announced that an eminent Roman artist had been engaged to prepare suitable designs for an "artistic" set of stamps for this Italian colony, we now learn from the *Revista del Francobollo* that two different types have been accepted, one representing a lion and the other an elephant.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—(*New*

permanent set.)—A new set to take the place of the various surcharges is reported by the *London Philatelist* as follows :—

1c. green and black
3c. brown "
4c. carmine "
5c. carmine and green on yellow
8c. blue and black
10c. purple " "
20c. black and purple
50c. orange and black.

FINLAND. —(*Postal stationery of Russian type.*) Stamps of the same type as the corresponding values of Russia have been impressed on the envelopes and cards. The following have already been issued.

20 pen blue on white, envelope
20 " red on yellow, return receipt
10 " red on buff, post card
10+10 " " " " reply card.

FRENCH CONGO.—(*Unpaid letter set in preparation.*) Figures of value in a frame of elephant's tusks is said to be the design decided upon for a new set of unpaid letter stamps.

GREAT BRITAIN.—(*½ postal cards and envelopes in green.*) As we informed our readers in our last number, future printings of ½ d post cards and envelopes are to be printed in green, there has already appeared a ½d reply card and a ½d envelope. From Mr. H. L. Ewen, we have received one of the new envelopes.

GREECE.—(*New 10 l. letter card.*) A letter card with stamp of the new "Mercury" design 10 lepta carmine on blue is announced by *L'Essor Philatelique*

ITALY.—(*20c. letter card.*) A letter card with stamp of the type of the 20c. adhesive was issued in December, color orange on yellow card. (*New type for the lower values.*) The lower values of the promised new set are to depict the Eagle of the House of Savoy with the emblematic cross of Savoy upon his breast.

MONACO.—(*Change of colors.*) The 5c. blue has been changed to green, the 10c. brown to rose, the 15c. rose to brown, the 25c. green to blue.

MONTENEGRO.—(*Change of currency.*) From May 1st. next, this state adopts the Austrian currency, crowns and hellers, which will mean a complete new issue of stamps.

NATAL.—(*New envelopes.*) A registration envelope of the usual Colonial style and type with a 4d. blue stamp on on the flap has been issued, also ½d. green and 1d. carmine oval type on white envelopes.

NETHERLANDS.—(*New value of unpaid letter stamps.*) Three new values of unpaid letter stamps are reported by *S. G.'s Monthly*, the 30c. green and black has been issued, and 40c. and 50c. are to appear soon. The design is similar to that of the current values.

NEW ZEALAND.—(*The new 1d. and 1½d.*) We illustrate the recently issued 1d. and 1½d. stamps, and have to announce that the London print of the 1d., consisting of one million copies, have been already exhausted, and that the colonial print on "N. Z. and Star" paper, perf. 11, has been issued.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY. —(*Provisional 1d. post card.*) From Mr. James Campbell of Bloemfontein, we have received with thanks, a specimen of a new provisional 1d. card, mailed on the date of issue, February 8th. It is a Cape of Good Hope 1½d. card altered to 1d. with the stamp surcharged O. R. C., the name barred out and overprinted in two lines, ORANGE RIVER COLONY POST CARD.

PERU.—(*Commemorative 2 and 5c.*) Two other values of the set to commemorate this country's joy at entering, free and independent, into the 20th century have appeared. The stamps are of a large size, similar in design for all values, but with a different portrait for each. Last month we reported the 1 centavo, we now have to record the 2c. red and black, and the 5c. violet and black.

PORTUGAL AND COLONIES.—(*500 and 700 reis. stamps.*) It is announced that a 700 reis. stamp is soon to be added to the Portugese set, and that the same value as well as 500 reis will be issued for the following colonies :—Angola, Cape Verde, Lourenzo Marques, Mozambique, Portugese-Congo, St. Thomas and Prince, and Zambesi.

SERVIA.—(*New high values.*) Two new values, 3 dinars pink and 5 dinars mauve are reported by *S. G.'s M. J.* in a size larger than the current issue. General design being somewhat similar.

SOMALI COAST.—(*New pictorial set promised.*) Our French contemporaries announce a new set in preparation, to consist of two types, one for the lower values to represent a camel carrying two native warriors, the other of a larger size will depict three warriors on guard. Besides these a set of unpaid letter-stamps is also promised depicting a native shield and sabres with the figures of value surcharged upon the shield. The inscription on all these stamps is to read : COTE FRANCAISE DES SOMALI, which would seem to indicate that they are to be used concurrently with the current stamps nscribed PROTECTORAT, etc.

TRANSVAAL.—(*Stationery surcharged V. R. I.*) The 4d. olive, registration envelope and the 2d. green post card were issued some time ago surcharged V. R. I.

TUNIS.—(*Change of colors.*) To conform to the regulations of the U. P. U. the 10c. violet has been changed to carmine, 15c. blue to grey, and the 25c. violet to blue.

TURKEY.—(*Reported new issues.*) In January 1900, we announced, on the authority of several Turkish correspondents, that two complete new sets were expected to make their appearance March 1st of last year ; later on special commemorative stamps in honor of the 25th anniversary of the accession of the Sultan were reported as to appear in August, but so far none of these expected beautiful new stamps have materialized. The report of *three* new sets, which were to appear March 14th have reached us from Paris ; this time the colors are given, so evidently something has been decided upon and the long expected stamps may really appear. We give the information as reported to us :—

1st. set—for postage within the Empire.

5 paras	lilac	2 piastres	orange
10 "	green	5 "	lilac
20 "	rose	25 "	brown
1 piastre	blue	50 "	orange brown

2nd. set—for foreign postage.

5 paras	yellow	2 piastres	blue
10 "	light green	5 "	brown
20 "	violet	25 "	green
1 piastre	blue	50 "	yellow

3rd. set—for unpaid letters.

10 paras black on red paper
20 " " "
1 piastre " "
2 " " "

It is said that the design chosen will be somewhat similar to that of the first issue of Turkey, but more elaborately engraved and well printed.

UNITED STATES. —(*Commemorative issue of 1901.*) The Pan-American sets of stamps are to be issued to postmasters on April 26th so as to be ready for sale on May 1st., the date set for the opening of the Pan-American fair at Buffalo, N. Y.

VICTORIA.—(*Provisional issue of old types.*) Since 1884 the stamps of Victoria have been inscribed STAMP DUTY and have been used indiscriminately for either fiscal or postal purposes ; as explained in our February number these two sources of revenue have now to be kept separate, consequently stamps restricted to postal use are necessary. To provide such postage stamps, pending the issue of a series for the entire Commonwealth of Australia, the types in use previous to 1884 have been reverted to as far as possible, but as 2½d. and 5d. stamps did not exist in any old type, for these values the words STAMP DUTY have been removed and POSTAGE inserted. The colors of these two values are not changed, but all the old types are printed in either entirely different colors or shades so marked as to be easily distinguishable from former issues. Of these temporary stamps there have appeared the following, all watermarked V. and crown. Perf. 12½ :

	Reissue of	Original color.
½d. green	1874	A21 rose
1d. carmine	1883	A26 green
2d. violet	1881	A27 brown 1883 purple
2½d. blue	1891	A43 red on yellow 1899 blue
3d orange brown	1866	A14 lilac 1869 orange
4d. bistre	1882	A28 carmine
5d. chocolate	1891	A44 chocolate
6d. green	1865	A11 blue
1s. orange	1876	A24 blue
2s. blue on pink	1881	A25 blue on greenish
5s. vermilion & blue	1863	A17 blue and rose

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—(*The new 2½d. stamp.*) We illustrate the new stamp, announced last month.

SPECULATIVE STAMPS AND COUNTERFEITS.

The stamps described under this heading, we would advise collectors to avoid, as they are manufactured either by official authority or by private individuals for their own gain at the expense of philatelists.

BOLIVIA.—(*Forgery of the 1897, 2 bol.*) A deceptive forgery of the four colored 2 bolivianos of 1897 (Scott A17) has been put in circulation lately. The design is ½ millemetre too small, both ways, the word CORREOS is smaller than the word BOLIVIA and the paper instead of the smooth glossy kind of the genuine, is of a rough texture.

CANADA.—(*Imitation of ribbed paper*) We have recently been shown some imitations of the 1872 issue of Canada, ribbed paper, made by pressing the common stamps of that issue, on some corrugated surface, which almost cuts through the paper. They appear to have been pressed upon printer's rule, and the general appearance would only deceive a person unfamiliar with the appearance of the genuine article. We know of one or two cases where young collectors have been induced to buy these fraudulent varieties at about a dollar a piece and would strongly advise any of our readers to whom Canada ribs may be offered to consult an expert before purchasing. The party who has been offering this rubbish for sale is a Montreal collector-dealer who does not advertise in any philatelic paper. The same party has also recently been offering counterfeit British Columbia (very poor imitations), and scarlet pence and shilling Newfoundlands. The latter being finely imitated would deceive any one not an expert in the shades and texture of the paper of these rare stamps. This individual claims that he did not know their true character, but it seems singular that so many forgeries should be in his possession. A rigid examination of the matter is being made by a committee of Montreal Philatelists, and should sufficient evidence be discovered to warrant it, an action in a criminal court may yet be the result. In the meantime we once more advise collectors to be on their guard and to at once report to us any attempt to dispose of doubtful British North American rarities.

FINLAND.—(*Spurious errors of color.*) A number of errors of the new issue of Finnish stamps have been chronicled by several contemporaries, such as the 2 p. green instead of orange, 5 p. orange instead of green, 10 p. blue instead of red, 20 p. red instead of blue, the 1 mark with centre missing, etc. These so called errors were "made to order" as a private speculation on the part of the printers, without the sanction or knowledge of the postal authorities.

CUBA Y ¼.

THE REAL MEANING OF THE SURCHARGE EXPLAINED BY AN EXPERT NUMISMATIST.

For over 20 years the best philatelic writers have been discussing, without coming to an agreement, or being able to give a satisfactory explanation of the surcharged letter Y, which preceeds the surcharge ¼ on the Cuban stamp of the issue of 1857.

In my turn, without posing as an authority, I venture to offer an explanation which looks very plausible and which I think will convince my readers of its truth, as it has convinced myself.

Lately whilst examining a collection of coins I saw a Peruvian piece of 1835 having a countermark of a Y followed by a figure similar to the surcharge on the Cuban stamps. The analogy of the countermark with the surcharge struck me forcibly and I asked an explanation from an expert collector of coins. His answer was prompt and very simple. The Y signifies Ysabel, and indicates that this countermark was made by an act of Public Authority and gives the coin official recognition. The Y has therefore a signification, such for example as has V. R. impressed on a foreign piece of money, it would give it a value in a British country.

I submit the above to public discussion but I think, this explanation will settle the matter once for all.

A. C. ROUSSEL.

PERSONAL.

We are pleased to hear that our correspondent in South Africa, Mr. H. Rudd has been appointed to an important position in the accounting branch of the Post Office Department at Cape Town, and extend to him our congratulations.

The following gentlemen have been appointed a reception committee for the convention of the D. P. A. which is to be held in this city in July: Messrs Hew Wood, A. R. Magill and W. James Wurtele. A convention of the League of Canadian Philatelists will also be held about the same time, about which further particulars will be announced next month.

THE MONTREAL PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

At the annual meeting held on March 21st the following gentlemen were elect-officers for the ensuing year:

President,	F. W. Wurtele.
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Ex. Supt.	A. C. Roussel.

Committee: E. Barbeau, Jas. Sutherland, Colonel A. E. Labelle, and P. N. Breton.

The annual reports were read and adopted. This society is now affiliated as a sort of local branch of the League of Canadian Philatelists, and an effort is now being made to extend its sphere of action to embrace all active Montreal Philatelists. We hope to be able to report good results of their efforts to advance local philately.

CREAM OF THE MAGAZINES.

DANISH WEST INDIES DANISH STILL.

The Danish Government has suddenly broken off all dealings with the United States of America for the sale of the Danish West Indian Isles. The reason of this is a very satisfactory offer made to theDanish Government on the part of a rich Danish East-Asian steamship company, who offer to assist, and in future to administer the islands. The opportunity has been seized to keep the islands under the Danish Crown, and the American Government has been informed of the decision.—*S. C. Fortnightly.*

Colonial Postage Stamps as issued by the various Mother Countries are very often higher up in price used than in the unused state; more so when on entire letters. Following this, the manner in which certain dealers for their own benefit manufacture "used" varieties, for instance of the German or French Colonies, is a rather doubtful practice, and I feel called upon to venture a few remarks on the above topic.

A goodly number of collectors prefer their Colonial stamps cancelled, being captivated by the idea that those many-coloured proofs of an advanced culture in a perhaps out-of-the-way Colony have at their respective places fulfilled the duty allotted to them. Out of this sentiment sprang the modern abomination, lamentable and objectionable, viz., the "cancelled-to-order" variety, and we have now the question confronting us: What difference is there between a cancellation "to order" and the business dodge to engage someone in a certain colony to stick whole stamp series on empty envelopes printed with the dealer's address, and then hand these sham leters-in large quantities "Registered" to the Post Office?

Viewed from a moral standpoint the answer can only be. There is *no* difference whatever; *honestly* used are none of the two. Afterwards the recipient and vendor of those parcels of missives has the coolness to offer the empty envelopes *unopened* as "used on entire." Had he, at least, taken the trouble to cut them open there would have been the pretence that a certain envelope really served its legitimate purpose of containing a communication, though the much too high postage of an entire set would give the lie at once. Well, and if the buyer winks at this, and takes the stamps off the "letter," then one and the same cancellation on all the different varieties composing the set, and the identical date on the whole lot unmistakably betrays the fact that here for hard cash *used* stamps have been manufactured.

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Editorial.

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POSTALS AND FISCALS.

In our January number, we replied to an article which had appeared in a Toronto journal, in which the author took it for granted that Philately comprised the collection of fiscal stamps, and we endeavored to show that their collection is not philately at all, but something, no matter how interesting it may be, that must come under another title, and not try to crowd itself into the family of postage stamp collectors, who alone have a right to the name of PHILATELISTS. A name we postal collectors have invented and adopted for ourselves with the intention of excluding interlopers, as we must consistently regard fiscal collectors to be.

We naturally expected a protest from the other side ; but did not imagine that the only rejoinder from so able an exponent of fiscal stamp collecting as Mr. A. Preston Pearce, Fiscal editor of *Stamps*, would be to pick out one or two "printer's errors" and pass over the subject matter as quite unanswerable. It is true that this gentleman, in another journal, *The S. C. Fortnightly*, also resorts to that last defence of a poor case the "*Tu quoque*" argument and paraphrases part of our article, attempting to apply it to postals, with what success may be judged by the following extracts. "We can only define a postal as a "receipt for the payment of a service." Exactly ; it is because it represents a service and not a tax that its collection and study is called PHILATELY.

"Many kinds are not even sold to the "public, but like the Postage due, Of- "ficials, etc., are affixed to letters by "the officials, and are intended only to "serve as a check on remittances." Official stamps are not affixed by POST OFFICE officials, but by the officials of the departments whose correspondence they frank, and are in the strictest sense postage stamps ; postage due stamps have been objected to by many philatelists, as also have returned letter labels, official seals, etc., as not being strictly speaking postage stamps ; however as they are few in number, they are generally collected as examples of part of the various systems of transacting postal business. A collection confined to them alone, could not be called a philatelic one.

"Who first invented this system, or "how long it has been in use, are ques- "tions lost in the early history of civilized "government. Therefore a postal col- "lection can have no starting point." This assertion is incorrect. The inventor of the postage stamp is well-known, when it first came into use is a matter of history; the starting point of a philatelist's collection is May 6th, 1840. Such prehistoric evidences of the attempt to supply cheap prepaid postage, as the New South Wales letter sheets of 1838, or the Sardinian wrappers of 1819, or even the 17th century French envelopes are well-known and their history is far from lost, should a philatelist wish to include them; can anything like so accurate a starting point be given for the introduction of fiscal stamps? "A very large number of "postal marks have been impressed on "envelopes at various times, which are "practically unattainable etc." The collection of post marks may be interesting, but it is no more a branch of philately than is the collection of fiscal stamps.

"Many others can hardly be legally "obtained by any but the most wealthy "individuals thus forming another large "class of unattainables" Because a stamp is of extreme rarity it does not follow that it is unattainable; besides those known to be in existence, which it would require considerable wealth to buy, many more specimens may yet remain to be unearthed from their hiding places which will cost their finders perhaps absolutely nothing; this is a very different position to that of many kinds of fiscal stamps, which are common enough, but which it is unlawful to collect or even to remove from the place to which they were originally affixed, without destruction. The remainder of Mr. Pearce's paraphrase is unimportant, it refers to the fact that some philatelists do not collect post cards, stamped envelopes and wrappers, but for those who do not collect these things it is only a matter of taste and convenience; no one has attempted to make adhesive postage stamps the standard of what can be scientifically collected and what not, as the writer, we had under review, did in regard to adhesive and unadhesive fiscals.

We have perhaps given to this subject an unnecessary amount of space, as we are convinced that fiscal collecting will never take the place, so firmly established, of postage stamps; the reason is not hard to find. Postage stamps have been one of the chief factors in human progress and happiness, they represent a service of world-wide importance and extent, and hence are of international interest. On the other hand fiscal stamps are of merely local or internal interest, they represent taxation and nothing but taxation. A postage stamp is generally accepted everywhere as a paper currency for small remittances, revenue stamps are not. A postage stamp will prepay a letter from one end of the world to the other; the majority of revenue stamps are rarely seen, except by collectors, outside the country of their use, or if as in the case of those employed on bills of exchange they do go abroad, they are of no legal value to anyone outside the country of their origin. It is for this reason that fiscal collections have little popularity elsewhere than in the countries where the stamps are used. Let those collect them who have a taste in that direction, just as some people collect view cards, posters, or railway tickets, but let not, such harmless fads usurp the time honored place of scientific philately.

A journal hailing from Indianapolis, asks us if we know the definition of a "philatelist," and wisely refers us to Webster's Dictionary for a definition! What profound erudition! A journalist is supposed to know something of the science of which his journal treats, our Indianapolis adviser, has learned all he knows of philately from the dictionary and yet presumes to be a philatelic editor.

Why not consult Webster's dictionary for the meaning of the word "ignoramus," and then apply it to this would be teacher of philately?

Y ¼.

We add a chapter by Mr. Roussel to the discussion on the Cuban stamps of 1857. We are sure that many collectors will be convinced that his reasoning is by far the best explanation that has yet been given about the celebrated Y. We wonder if future generations of philatelists will discuss so long and so seriously the meaning of V. R. I. on the stamps of the late South African Republics.

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Now, people might say, collect "unused" varieties only, and in connection herewith one could almost hail with pleasure the action of the Postal Authorities in Paris, Berlin, and elsewhere, to open offices for the sale of Colonial stamps and stationery at face value. But I say intentionally "almost." For although by this step the coloured scraps of paper so welcome to us stamp-lovers can now be had at the cheapest rate, yet this Government's business to plunder the pockets of collectors is also a very doubtful one; it opens wide the door to practice further on the purses of philatelists by sundry surcharges and overprints, wherewith to keep up the steady flow of money.

Undoubtedly the best course would be to leave alone the one (unused stamps), as well as to boycott the other (used to order), and to admit only honestly used varieties of an unquestionable repute. Although such a proceeding would probably leave some sets incomplete, this will be amply compensated for by the satisfaction to possess stamps only which have accomplished their intended mission in every respect.—*The Stamp Collector.*

Postal administration in the Transvaal proves to have been well managed even in times of war.

In the month of July last an Antwerp gentleman named Arthur Rotsaert wrote a letter to his brother who was serving as a volunteer with the Boers. The letter was addressed: "M. Achille Rotsaert, Irish brigade, Transvaal." It went to Lorenzo Marques, from which place it was forwarded to Nelspruit, but as the Irish brigade was not there, it was returned to Lorenzo.

The mail clerk there believing that an Irish brigade should belong to the British army, sent the letter to Durban; the British mail clerk, then takes charge of it and makes it travel for some time; finally after reaching Bloemfontein, it was sent to Johannesburg and thence to Pretoria. There it was opened by the "Provost-Marshall," as proved by the special stamp attached to the envelope, bearing the letters O. H. M. S. (On Her Majesry's Service). Finally as Mr. Achille Rotsaert was not to be found, it was decided to send the letter back to the writer whose address was printed on the envelope as follows: "Arthur Rotsaert, Antwerp."

The letter was then sent to the Cape Town post-office thence to England, from there to Brussels and has just reached Antwerp. This shows that the English postal department was well organized even in time of war. In some countries even in times of peace an ordinary letter would not travel such a distance before it found its way into the dead-letter office.

But a postal clerk of this perfect department could not help expressing his regret at having to thus give his attention to the correspondence of enemies; for on the envelope under the words "Irish brigade," some jingo hand had written the word "Damned."—*La Revue Postale.*

PUBLISHER'S NOTICES.

Several subscribers have sent in a change of the Wants and Offers ad. to which they are entitled to three times free. No change can be made unless paid for at usual rates.

I am pleased to see the large increase in our Wants and Offers columns. Several of these are from foreign countries.

As my readers will see by a paragraph in this number, the Danish W. I. will not fall into the hands of Uncle Sam. Nevertheless, there has been a very large and unusual demand for the stamps of these

Islands. I am informed from a very reliable source, that many large dealers have no stock whatever of these stamps, and are trying hard to get them, however by reading Mr. Smith's ad. (Chapman, Ala.), you will see that he sells them at very reasonable prices.

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"	50	orange	4
"	60	black	8
1890	¼	on 12c. black surch	3
1891	8	carmine	5
1892	Jubilee, rare 2c. blue		18
"	" " 5 "		18

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NEWS OF THE MONTH

Although merely the change of one letter in a surcharge, undoubtedly the most important event in philately, that we have to record this month, is the issue of the first King Edward stamps. They come from the latest addition to the British Empire, the Transvaal, where the surcharge V.R.I. upon the South African Republic stamps has been changed to E. R. I. An event of prime importance to commercial philately, but of really minor philatelic interest, is the issue of the handsome set to commemorate and advertise the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo N.Y. This set will undoubtedly make new collectors, by the attention it will receive from the press and from persons who have never given stamps a thought. We illustrate the new stamps from Turkey this month, but the set for Italy is still in preparation and it is now reported that some of the series will bear the portrait of the Queen consort. A ½d stamp to commemorate the inauguration of the Australian parliament by the Duke of Cornwall is said to be decided upon, but a doubt has arisen whether a uniform set for the whole of Australia can be issued before five years, as the constitution provides that for that length of time separate accounts are to be kept of the revenue of each Australian state. As the first parliament is now in session legislation on this matter will not be much longer deferred.

ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

ABYSSINIA.—(*Demonetization of stamps rumored.*) It is stated by *Le Collectionneur de T. P.* that complete unused sets of Abyssinian postage and unpaid letter stamps are being sold much below face value, indicating that the stamps have been withdrawn from postal service, and demonetized. Further particulars, from official sources, are promised by our Par-

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—(*Reported 8c. value.*)—It is reported that a new value of 8 centavos has been found necessary and will shortly appear. (*15c. envelope.*) The 12c. envelope has been withdrawn and replaced by one of 15c. of the same type blue on pale greenish yellow paper.

AUSTRALIA.—(*Commemorative ½d stamp.*) The first stamp of the New Commonwealth is said to be decided upon. It is a ½d commemorative of the visit of the Duke of Cornwall and York similar to the current ½d New South Wales with a full face portrait of the Duke.

BOLIVIA.—(*New set in prospective.*) Our French contemporaries announce the forthcoming appearance of the following new stamps:—

2c green, portrait of Camacho
5c red, " Campero
10c blue, " Ballivian
20c violet, " Santa Cruz
2b brown, Arms of the Republic

BOSNIA.—(*6 h. letter card.*) It is announced by *Smith's Monthly Circular* that the 6 h. letter card is now printed on buff card instead of bluish green.

BULGARIA.—(*Provisional 10 st.*) The 50s. green has been surcharged 10s. in black.

CHILI.—(*1c. revenue postally used.* A 1c red, revenue stamp, of the same type as the new 5c, has recently been permitted to do postal duty.

COLOMBIA REPUBLIC. — (*Provisional stamps for Tumaco.*) Owing to communication, at the Tumaco post office, having been cut off from the rest of the country by the revolution, the supply of stamps ne exhausted. Temporary type

set labels have been issued by the local postal agent of 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20c values printed in black.

COREA.—(*2 ch. changed; 10 ch. stamp*) The current set has been increased by the issue of a 10 cheun mauve; the die for this value was prepared some time ago, but was accidentally damaged, delaying the issue. The 2 cheun has appeared in a new design, at the corners the value is now in circles instead of squares, the centre of the oval is occupied by native characters and the peculiar emblematic device is placed below; color blue.

DENMARK.—(*24 ore of current type.*) A new value has been added to the current set, (Type A7) 24 ore brown. It is intended for the combined postage and registration rate. Watermark and perforation as the others of the set.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—(*New set in preparation.*) As stated in our February number the map stamps of this republic have been suppressed as a result of the protest by the Haytian Government. A new issue has been ordered to consist of the following values:—½, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c $1.00, and unpaid letter stamps of 2, 4, 5 and 10c.

ECUADOR.—(*Official stamps and provisional envelopes, etc.*) The 1, 2, 5 and 10c stamps in changed colors reported in our March nnmber, have been, according to *L'Essor*, surcharged diagonally in black OFICIAL. The same journal also reports the 1892 Official 50c blue, with top cut off, used for ordinary postage, the 1894 5c envelope surcharged at left upper angle with the coat of arms and the words EMISION HABILITADA, 1899–1900, the 1892 10c envelope on buff instead of yellow, and the 2c brown post card on yellow-rose instead of rose.

FERNANDO POO.—[*Issue of* 1901.] The set of stamps dated 1900, listed in our November number has given place to another set of the same type with date 1901. The values are now expressed in centimos and pesetas instead of centavos and pesos. The following are the values and colors:—

1	centimo	black	75	centimos	olive brown
2	"	bistre	1	peseta	blue green
3	"	violet	2	"	light brown
4	"	lilac blue	3	"	green
5	"	dark red	4	"	red
10	"	brown	5	"	green
25	"	lt. blue	10	"	yellow brown
50	"	claret			

FRANCE.—[*Provisional Military frank stamp.*] In accordance with a new law, each French soldier is to be allowed to mail two letters per month free, stamps in red, white and blue inscribed REPUBLIC FRANCAISE MILITAIRE 15c to be supplied by his commanding officer. As the new military franks were not ready at the time the law came into force, January 1901, the current 15c orange, surcharged in black "F.M." were issued to each army corps.

FRENCH COLONIES.—(*Stationery in new colors.*) All the colonies have been equipped with new envelopes and cards in the recently adopted colors of the adhesives. Envelopes and letter cards.

15c. grey and rose on green
25c. blue " " " rose
Post cards 10c. carmine and blue, single and reply.

GREECE.—(*1, 2 and 5 l. wrappers.*) News bands impressed with stamps, of the type recently adopted for post cards, on yellowish paper have been issued. The set consists of the 1 l. brown, 2 l. green and 5 l. green.

HONG KONG—(*5c. and 30c. in new colors.*) It was announced some months ago that the color of the 5c. was to be changed, and it was naturally expected that it would appear in the same color as that adopted for the 5c. envelope, violet, and in fact was so chronicled by nearly all the philatelic press, ourselves included. As the violet 5c. did not put in an appearance after being so extensively announced, we made further enquiries and ascertained, after careful investigation, that there is still a large stock in the old color—blue. A German paper *Der Philatelist* now announces a 5c. yellow and 30c. chocolate, but whether they have been really issued or are only official collection specimens is not stated.

NEW CALEDONIA.—[*Provisional 5c and 15c.*] Owing to the exhaustion of the regular stamps, *L'Essor* states that on Feb. 12th, for the mail leaving the following day, 25,000 2c stamps were surcharged N.-C.-E. 5c., and 8000 75c stamps N.-C.-E. 15c. As nearly all the current values were about exhausted, and new supplies expected from France had not arrived, our contemporary's correspondent expects to have to report other surcharges.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.—[*Provisional ½d post card.*] Mr. W. H. Rudd informs us that, in addition to the provisional 1d card listed last month, the Cape of Good Hope 1d brown card has been surcharged *O. R. C.* ONE HALF PENNY. (*Another provisional 1d. post card.*) It is announced by *Smith's Monthly* that the 1d. carmine Cape post card has been surcharged in black with the name of this colony.

PARAGUAY.—(*1c. of the new type.*) The set of the annexed type has been completed by the issue of a 1c. dark green.

(*Commemorative letter cards.*) In order to celebrate the opening of the 20th century a set of six letter cards was issued January 1st. The inscription reads: SICLO XIX-XX × PARAGUAY × ENERO 1901, the cards being impressed with a stamp at the right side having a portrait of the president. The set consists of the following varieties :—

2 centavos green on yellow
2 " " " buff
2 " carmine on cream
4 " " " "
4 " " " straw
4 " green on yellow

ROUMANIA.—(*10 b. letter card.*) A new 10 bani letter card red on greyish brown has been issued to take the place of the provisional 5 + 5 b. card chronicled in our October number.

RUSSIA.—(*Livonia local stamp; new type.*) For some unknown reason, the stamps of Livonia are the only Russian locals, out of the great number of local posts, that receive recognition in Scott's catalogue. A new oblong design has been adopted shewing a view of Wenden Castle. The inscriptions on the new stamp are entirely in Russian, it is printed in dark green with centre in brown, and the value remains at 2 kopecs.

SALVADOR.—(*1900 50c., Official stamps, unpaid letter stamps etc.*) In our December number we reported the issue of a set of stamps similar in type to that dated 1899 [A 61] but with the date changed to 1900, since then there have appeared every month a number of surcharged official stamps on the 1899 type, besides a great variety of stamps apparently hand stamped with an indistinct control mark, called a "wheel" or "rayed device" for want of a better name. This device is now more clearly printed in various colors, and appears to be a coat of arms and the letters D. G. C. meaning *Deo Gratias Constitutionæ*, "Thanks to God for the Constitution." What the special object of this surcharge is, has not been explained. It comes in several sizes as well as colors. Without enumerating the great number of varieties of this device, the following "straight" varieties have appeared since our December list.

Postage Stamp.
Dated 1900, 50c rose red.
Official Stamps.

Surcharged FRANQUEO OFICIAL on unpaid letter stamps of 1899.

10c orange
15c "
25c "
50c "

Same surcharge on postage stamps of 1900.

1c green
2c rose
3c grey black
5c slate green

Many of these official stamps come punched with twelve small holes, with and without the control hand stamp. The entire set of unpaid letter stamps of 1899 in orange is also surcharged with the "device."

SOUTHERN NIGERIA.—(*d. postcards*) Several journals announce the issue of 1d. post-cards, carmine on buff.

SPAIN.—(*10 centimos post card.*) A post card with stamps of the new type on the left side is reported in chocolate on orange card.

SWITZERLAND.—(*The proposed new issue.*) The competition amongst Swiss artists for a new design for their postage stamps was closed Feb. 16th. About 300 designs were submitted, none of which were of sufficient merit to win the first prize, the 2nd. prize of 700 fr., the 3rd of 600 fr., and two 4th prizes of 500 fr. each were awarded however. The judges have selected as the best a design representing William Tell and his son.

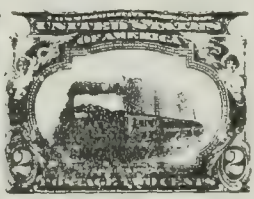
TRANSVAAL.—(*E. R. I surcharges*) Our South African correspondent under date of March 27th informs us that the surcharge V. R. I. on the Transvaal stamps has been changed to E. R. I. He also informs us that an official notification has been issued directing that the stamps of Great Britain will be available for postage in Transvaal. We have since received the 1d Transvaal with the new surcharge, the Type is the same as in the V. R. I. surcharge. As far as we can at present learn only the 1d has been yet issued.

TUNIS.—(*Unpaid letter set.*) The French journals report the new 10, 15 and 25c stamps, in changed colors, listed in our April number, with a punched out T for temporary use as unpaid letter stamps, and the long

promised regular set has at last appeared. In design they are very similar to the French stamps. They consist of the following :—

1c.	black	20c.	green
2	orange	30	carmine
5	blue	50	red brown
10	brown		

TURKEY.—(*Issue of the new sets.*) The long promised new types listed in our last number, came to hand while going to press. The values and colors are as we described them, but there is little or no improvement in engraving and printing over the work of the previous issue. The set for interior postage has the Sultan's sign manuel or "Thougra" in a scalloped circle, while that for foreign postage has it in an oval. We illustrate the two types rendering further description unnecessary. The unpaid letter set consists of the four values given last month, of the type of the Interior stamps. The 5, 10, 20 paras, 1, 2 and 5 piastres of both the Interior and Exterior sets are also issued, surcharged in black at the top MATBOA in Turkish characters for postage on printed matter. The 5 and 10 paras of both sets are also impressed on wrappers, and the 20 paras and 1 piastre of both sets on bluish or greyish envelopes.



UNITED STATES. — (*Pan-American commemorative set.*) As announced last month the special issue to advertise the Buffalo Exposition appeared on May 1st. We illustrate the different designs ; the central device of each is printed in black, the frame in the following colors. Perf. and watermark as usual.

1c green (Fast Lake Navigation)
2c carmine (Fast Express)
4c red brown (Automobile)
5c ultramarine (Bridge at Niagara Falls)
8c violet brown (Canal Locks Sault Ste Marie
10c yellow brown (Fast Ocean Navigation)

URUGUAY.—(*The new set.*) The set of new types described in our November number has now been completed by the issue of the stamps herewith illustrated, the 2c vermilion represents the Genius of Agriculture, and the 7c orange brown is emblematical of the fertility of the country. The following have also been issued of the types of 1890 with colors changed :—

25c olive brown (Justice) type A38
50c carmine (Mercury) type A39
1 peso green (Arms) type A40

Mekeel's S. News reports the following stationery.

Envelope, 5c blue on cream
Letter card, 3c purple on blue
Wrapper, 5m brown on manilla.

VICTORIA.—(*Envelopes and wrappers of re-issued types.*) The design of the reissued 1d. carmine (Type A 26) has been slightly changed by the insertion of the word POSTAGE below the portrait. Envelopes have been issued with 1d rose and 2d mauve stamps, of the same design as the recently withdrawn types but with the words STAMP DUTY removed, while wrappers of ½d and 1d are stamped with the reissued types in green and carmine respectively.

The breaking up of an old collection of postage stamps by a dealer generally means a distribution to the four corners of the globe. The Canada Stamp Company, of Quebec, advertise in this issue such a breaking up, and those interested in picking up unused and used stamp rarities would do well to order at once.

Look up Mr. Clark's ad on the front cover. Just the stamp you want, and the prices—so low, but enough said.

Editorial.

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UNNECESSARY AND SPECULATIVE.

In another column we extract ftom Mr. Walter Nathan's "Reminiscences," now appearing in the *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly*, an expression of regret that no means have yet been found to lessen the evil of unnecessary and speculative issues, which he considers "the great danger to the permanence of Philately."

What is meant by the "permanence of Philately"? Stamp speculators, and those philatelists who are constantly hoping for a "rise in prices" would understand the expression to relate to a permanence of stamp values, but the true philatelist the one who loves his stamps for their own sake, not for their market value, never has any doubts as to the permanence of Philately. And he is right. The day is long gone by, since stamp collecting was on trial, it is as the *Philatelic Journal of G. B.* remarks "an institution which has come to stay." Values may rise or fall, but stamp collecting will always remain, in fact even if prices dropped down to what they were twenty or thirty years ago, it is a question whether the consequent dropping out of speculators from our ranks would not tend to increase the number of stamp collectors, rather than diminish it.

It is a mistaken, but very prevalent idea, to regard "unnecessary" as synonymous with "speculative" when referring these terms to stamps; and it was because this mistake was made that the society formed in London some ten years ago, known as the S. S. S. S. proved so dire a failure. How many stamps, of the thousands that have been issued, were really necessary? Perhaps three from each country. The Universal Postal Union has adopted only three official colors, green for a stamp for printed matter, red for domestic letters, and blue for foreign. That is all that is considered officially necessary, others are issued for convenience sake not of necessity. Is it necessary that with a change of ruler there should come a change of design? No, but it is only right and proper that each sovereign's portrait should be depicted on his stamps as well as on his coins, in order that his reign should be so commemorated. On similar principles why should objection be raised, to the commemoration of other events of national importance? As we have before pointed out it is the fact, that postage stamps are all or nearly all commemorative, which gives them any historical importance, and it is this historical importance, which is the very foundation stone of the science of Philately. Destroy or undermine it and the whole structure comes toppling into ruins.

The S. S. S. S. failed because it deserved to fail, the sound common sense of Philatelists would not brook that Society's black listing of the Canada Jubilees, and others of like nature.

A long controversy has ensued in reference to the Mafeking stamps; granted that they were unnecessary, does it follow that they were speculative on the part of the military authorities who issued them? Those authorities doubtless considered them a great convenience, if not absolutely necessary; are they therefore to blame because the public purchased the stamps and speculated in them? Were the profits of such speculation paid to the issuers of the stamps? We all know they were not. Before a stamp then is denounced as speculative let it be clearly proved, that its chief reason for issue, is speculation; that its makers intended it more for sale to stamp collectors than for any other purpose. The number of such stamps has not been great, very few have proved to be profitable speculations, al are well-known and are usually shunned

They offer but little danger to Philately, and it is only by the senseless grouping of the "unnecessary" with the "speculative" that an imaginary evil has been manufactured.

A LADY'S LOGIC.

In our March number we pointed out that a genuine postal cancellation was not always evidence that a stamp so cancelled had been postally used, and that stamps in used condition quoted at higher prices than the same stamps unused, could seldom be guaranteed as having done legitimate postal duty, therefore the unused were still perhaps preferable to the higher priced used ; we said nothing about "forged cancellations." *A propos* of this Miss Swift perpetrates the following specimen of lady's logic. Because genuine cancellations are not always evidence that a stamp has been postally used, and consequently a higher priced cancelled specimen may have no more real value than a new one of lower price ; therefore, it follows, that since unused stamps have been forged it is better to collect used. What connection exists between Miss Swift's conclusion and our premises we leave lady logicians to elucidate.

In the April number of the *Stamp Collector* the following statement appears "it "is not generally known that in the "Canadian shilling there were fifteen "pence." This is certainly not generally known, because it is incorrect. In the Canadian shilling there were twelve Canadian pence, but it required fifteen Canadian pence to make an English shilling.

NOTES FROM NEW ZEALAND.

By H. Bolitho.

Withdrawal of the 1882 issue.

It has been decided to withdraw from sale on the 31st July next all stamps bearing the Queen's head. The stamps in question have already been called in by the head office, but a supply has now qeen reissued to the Chief Postmasters at Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin to enable dealers in stamps and private collectors to purchase such stamps before final withdrawal. It may be mentioned that the withdrawal does not apply to post cards, letter cards or stamped or embossed envelopes bearing the Queen's head, but solely to stamps themselves.

PENNY POSTAGE A PROFITABLE INNOVATION.

When the introduction of the penny postage system was resolved upon last session it was estimated that there would be a loss of revenue for the financial year ending March last of £80,000, or at the rate of £20,000 per quarter. It will come as a gratifying surprise to the public that instead of a decrease there has been an actual increase of £20,000 on the working of the whole department for the three months ending 31st March last. This result amply vindicates the bold step taken by the Hon. J. G. Ward. Wisdom is justified of her children, and the prophets of ill omen, who predicted nothing but disaster, are confused.

The Hon. J. G. Ward says that the unsettled state of politics in Australia puts a difficulty in the way of the admission of letters from New Zealand at the penny rate of postage. He is, however, very confident that the Commonwealth will soon see its way to meet New Zealand's wishes in the matter.

SPECULATIVE STAMPS AND COUNTERFEITS.

The stamps described under this heading, we would advise collectors to avoid, as they are manufactured either by official authority or by private individuals for their own gain at the expense of philatelists.

Guatemala.—(*Counterfeits of the* 1878 *set, and of recent surcharges.*) Forgeries of the ½, 2, and 4 reales of 1878 (A7) are reported by the *Am. J. of P.* which are supposed to be photographic counterfeits, "no difference in the type being apparent, "the character of the stamps being re-"vealed only by the roughness of the "impression and the gauge of the per-"foration." The same journal also reports the following counterfeit surcharges the difference being apparent only upon close inspection :

1894. 1c on 2c brown
1898. 1c revenue, surcharged
2c on 1c revenue
do " surch. inverted
6c on 5c violet
6c on 10c red

The points of difference between the genuine and forged surcharges, as a matter of precaution are not given, but collectors are advised to be careful in buying stamps of this class.

CREAM OF THE MAGAZINES.

Since the time when the idea of a Society for the Suppression of Speculative Stamps was approved by the leading representatives of the dealing and collecting interests there have undoubtedly been more unnecessary and speculative stamps issued than since 1840 up to that date.

It is much to be regretted that no means have yet been brought to bear on the sources of what cannot but be considered as illicit supplies to the albums of stamp-collectors.

Yet collectors are themselves to blame.

If, as a body, they declined to purchase, dealers would soon cease to stock, and countries to issue. But while gentlemen and ladies will give as much as £35 for a set of 19 or 20 labels, and estimate the respective values of a surcharge printed in black at 4d, and the same surcharge printed in black and red at £10, it is against all human nature to expect that such issues should cease. Unnscessary and speculative issues have been, and are, the great danger to the permanence of Philately, and although the inherent vitality of the pursuit, has carried it with increasing vigor through enough rubbish to sink a ship, any individual or society which can hit upon expedients to lessen the evil will merit grateful remembrance on the part of all those interested in maintaining stamp collecting on a solid foundation.—*S. C. Fortnightly.*

Fifty years ago stamp collecting was a fad ; thirty years ago it was a pursuit named " Philately " with a small literature of its own ; to-day it is a science, resting on a solid basis of research, and with a capital of hundreds of thousands of pounds invested in it. Well may the general press begin to recognize in it an institution which has come to stay. Long regarded as the fashion of an hour which would flicker out like a candle, people are now beginning to wonder when the flickering is going to begin and even to think that they have made a mistake. The day is approaching when the man who destroys the stamps on his foreign correspondence without careful examination, will be looked upon as an imbeeile, and when sensible articles on Philately in

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Ballot papers for election of officers will be mailed on or before 1st. June, but these will only be sent to those members who have paid their dues and are clear on the books at that date. Nominations will close one week previous, or on the 23rd. May next

H. SMITH.
Sec.-Treas.

Medford, Mass., 3rd April, 1901.

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"	5	blue on blue			15 00
"	5	" (Interisland)			7 50
"	1	black on laid			5 00
"	2	" " "			3 00
"	1	blue on white			9 00
"	2	" " "			7 50
1862	2	rose on horizontal laid			10 00
	2	" " vertical "			4 00
1864-71	5	deep blue	$1 12,	used	60
"	6	green	50,	"	50
"	18	rose	75,	"	75
1875	12	black	1 12,	"	1 12
1882	10	"	90,	"	90
"	15	brown	2 00,	"	2 00
1883-6	10	vermilion	90,	"	90
1883-86	12c.	lilac	$2 00,	used	$2 00
"	25	violet	2 25,	"	2 25
"	50	red	5 60,	"	5 00
	1 00	rose	7 00,	"	6 00
1893	Provisional &c. in **Red**				
	2c.	brown	$ 25c.	used	36
	6	green	25,	"	25
	10	black	30,	"	36
	12	"	42,	"	50
	12	lilac	4 35,	"	5 00
	25	violet	1 25,	"	1 75
1893	Provisional &c. in **Black**				
	2c.	vermilion	$2 15,		
	10	"	32,	used	40
	10	brown	32,	"	32
	12	lilac	9 35,		
	15	brown	60,		
	18	rose	42,	"	42
	50	red	1 50,	"	2 00
	1 Dollar	rose red	3 00,	"	3 75

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"	2½ on 9d	12
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10	India ¼ on ½ anna	10
10	Jamaica 3d	30
10	New Zealand '98 4d	65
10	" '98 2½ error	90
10	" 1901 1d universal postage	10
10	Rhodesia, 4d	50
10	Sierra Leone, 2½ blue	20
10	" " 1d lilac and red	18
10	Tasmania, 1900, 1d	08
10	" 2d	10
10	West Aust., 1d used postally	12
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NEWS OF THE MONTH

It has now been officially announced in Parliament that a design for the new stamps of Great Britain has been selected, and that they are being prepared. It may be some time yet before they are issued, as a large quantity of the current issue are still to be used up, in the meantime all obsolete issues have been declared unlawful for the payment of any duty on and after June 1st, 1901. Whether the obsolete stamps will be exchangeable for current issues is not stated in the official notification, but our English contemporaries speak of it as a demonetization of the old issues. We do not think this interpretation of the notice is meant, however our English friends, accustomed to their own legal phraseology ought to know. New stamps for the colonies will not appear before those of Great Britain, at least from those colonies administered from the Colonial Office in London, so there is no immediate prospect of the flood of new issues that is yet to come. In the colonies having local self-government, as new stamps are required, it is probable, as in the case of the high values of Victoria, announced this month, that the King's portrait will be used. With the issue of the new stamps for Turkey, an attempt has been made by the Sultan to suppress the numerous foreign post offices that exist in the Ottoman Empire. The representatives of the Powers protested, as they are not inclined to entrust their correspondence to the inefficient Turkish service, and in consequence the Porte has expressed regret at the interference and has ordered that no obstacles are to be raised to the foreign post offices, which are established under treaty rights.

ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

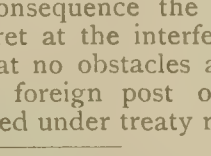
AUSTRALIA.—(*No ½d commemorative stamps.*) The ½d stamps reported as "decided upon" in our last number are not to appear, the Federal authorities having declined to take the responsibility of issuing stamps before the postal bill is passed by Parliament.

BELGIUM.—(*10c rose envelope.*) The color of the 10 centimes envelope stamp has been changed from red brown to the U. P. U. color—rose.

BOLIVIA.—(*5 centavos color changed.*) It is announced by several of our contemporaries that the color of the current 5c has been changed from green to dark red.

BULGARIA.—(*Commemorative stamps.*) Two stamps, 5 st red and 15 st green are announced commemorative of the 25th anniversary of the liberation of Bulgaria from the domination of Turkey. A view of the first *wooden* cannon constructed to combat the Turks figures in the design. 230,000 of these stamps are said to have been issued for domestic postage only, and they are reported to have been on sale for two days only May 3rd and 4th. (*Provisional 5 st.*) The 3 st brown has been surcharged with a heavy figure "5" and a bar across the original value.

COLUMBIA REPUBLIC.—(*Additional Tumaco Provisionals.*)



In addition to the values reported in our May number the following are said to have been issued:—2½c, 50c, $1, $5, $10, all are printed on common white paper from the same type, the value only

being changed. It is also said that a 10c registration label in similar type set style has been issued.

COSTA RICA.—(*Official stamps.*) We suppose the new set will like its predecessor be surcharged OFICIAL for government correspondence. The 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20c have been reported so surcharged.

GREAT BRITAIN.—(*King Edward VII. stamps.*) A profile portrait of His Majesty, executed by an Austrian sculptor Emil Fuchs has been selected as the design for the new stamps which are now being prepared. Some dissatisfaction has found expression in Parliament, that the work of a British artist was not given the preference.

GREECE.—(*Complete new issue.*) A year ago we reported that a new set of stamps was being prepared, and were expected to see the light last September. Unavoidable delays occurred in their completion, which necessitated the surcharging of all the available old stock on hand. Some of these surcharges had the appearance of a speculation on the part of the Greek postal officials, but we are assured that the numerous varieties were due to the fact that as fast as a surcharged stamp appeared the entire supply was bought up by the public, whether by stamp speculators or not, the Government had no means of knowing. This constant exhaustion of supplies, naturally brought out fresh varieties of surcharge, which were in turn eagerly bought up. We learn that the designs for the new set are now accepted, and that the stamps are in press. They are the work of Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. of London and consist of the following values:— 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 40, 60 lepta, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 drachma, also unpaid letter stamps of similar values from 1 lepton to 2 drachma. The values of these stamps are in local currency but for International money orders and parcel post a stamp of 25 lepta gold standard is also to be issued. The new stamps are expected to be issued early in June.

GUATEMALA.— (*Pictorial set contemplated. Provisionals*). It is reported that imitating its sister republic Costa Rica, Guatemala is shortly to have a complete new pictorial issue from 1c to 200c. Remainders of old stock are to be surcharged "1901" and used up, converted into 1 and 2c stamps. We notice *Mekeel's Weekly* reports the issue of the 25c red orange surcharged UN-1-CENTAVO-1901 in four lines.

MOROCCO.—(*Mazagan-Marakech local post*). It is announced, on official authority, by *Le Colle tioneur de T.P.* that the local postal service between Mazagan and Marakech, has been taken over by the French postal administration. Stamps of the design employed by the local post (Scott type A 3) are still used by the French officials in the following colors:

5	centimes,	red	and	black
10	"	blue	"	"
20	"	lilac rose	"	"
25	"	yellow	"	"
50	"	violet	"	"
75	"	green	"	"
1	peseta	rose	"	"

NICARAGUA.—(*Provisional 5, 10 and 20 centavos.*) The annual issue not being ready as soon as expected, and doubtless in order to keep the contractor's stock of remainders intact, as it will be remembered 50,000 sets cancelled to order are to be reserved for him, the 1900 unpaid letter stamps are now being surcharged for use as ordinary postage stamps. Above the central figure of value the word CORREOS has been surcharged and the date "1901" below. The 5, 10 and 20 centavos are reported with this surcharge.

PORTUGESE COLONIES. -(*500 and 700 reis*). The new high value stamps for the seven colonies, named in our April number have appeared; the 500 reis is black on blue value in red, and the 700 reis red lilac on straw, value in black.

SALVADOR.—(*1900, 12 and 26 centavos*). Two more values have appeared of the set dated 1900, 12c light green and 26c. yellow brown, like the others of the set, disfigured by the surcharged control mark. *Mekeel's Weekly* also reports a 5c. deep blue which may be a different shade of the 5c previously announced in slate green.

SERVIA.—(*The new 3 and 5 dinars.*) We illustrate the type of the two new high value stamps reported in our April number. The 1 dinar stamp of the current type issued in 1894 in blue green has been demonetized and the stock of remainders sold by auction in Paris. It is now been offered at less than face value; the 1896 1d red brown is still in use.

VICTORIA. — (*Edward VII stamps.*) Designs for stamps of the values of £1 and £2 bearing the portrait of the King

have been accepted and will be issued as soon as the Government printer can get them out. The necessity for these high value stamps is explained, by the fact that it is the custom in Victoria to accept correspondence in bulk, instead of stamping each letter separately, stamps for the bulk postage being affixed to a printed form. Duty stamps have hitherto been used for this purpose, but as fiscal and postal revenue have now to be accounted for separately, it has been found necessary to have special high value postage stamps.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.—(*Envelopes and Post cards*). Postal stationery, impressed with the current type adhesive, is reported by *Mekeels Weekly* as follows :

Envelopes (various sizes.)
1d. red on white
2½d blue on white
Post cards.
½d green on buff (small)
1d red on buff (large)

SOUTH AFRICAN NOTES.

H. RUDD, CAPETOWN.

Schweizer Reineke Besieged Stamps. I have seen the ½d and 1d Cape of Good Hope, current, and various values of Transvaal stamps, roughly surcharged "Besieged," and used in the above-named place This appears to be a Speculative Issue, as the reason for the surcharge is not apparent. The siege was but a short one, and there was probably no fear of the stamp supply exhausting, as in the case of Mafeking, which is apparent by the stamps not being surcharged to a higher denomination. Even had the issue been an authorized one, I would warn collectors against purchasing copies, except from a reliable source, as the surcharge is so rough, that it can easily be fraudulently reproduced.

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CREAM OF THE MAGAZINES.

THE ONLY TRUE LANGUAGE OF STAMPS.

A puzzled correspondent writes from Ashburton to the editor of a London weekly paper to know if he understood the so-called "language of stamps." To this query the editorial reply is:

Yes, I am an expert. When the stamp is where it ought to be, namely, in the top right-hand corner of the envelope, and straight, it shows that the sender is neat and sensible. When it is on the flap of the envelope, thus serving as a seal, it denotes suspicion and extreme caution. When the stamp is on the wrong corner of the envelope, or upside-down, or cross-ways, it means that the person who affixed it is probably blind. Should no stamp whatever be affixed, it means: "I am careless," or, possibly, "I am mean." There are other "stamp-languages," I believe, but this is the one taught by professors in all the leading universities, and no others are genuine. —*S. C. Fortnightly.*

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE BOER "COMMANDO BRIEF STAMP".

The "Commando Brief" Stamp of the Boers, which the *Forthnightly* was the first Briitsh Philatelic journal to describe and illustrate, was not issued by the Post Office of the Orange Free State. I have proof of this.

In reality the stamp was issued, on his own initiative, by an official of the O.F.S. on duty at the Field Post office. There was no real necessity or occasion for the stamp for both in the Transvaal and in the Free State letters to and from the "fighting line" were allowed to pass post free. It was merely necessary for the sender to use on his missive the word "Vleddienst." The report put about that the Boer Commandant himself stamped the letters, and by the creation of this "Commando Brief" stamp was saved the trouble of doing so. is contrary to fact. All the letters would be postmarked whether stamps were attached to them or not.

Entire envelopes bearing postmarked and dated specimens of these stamps are shown as proof of the official character of these stamps. I say the postmark proves nothing. As no stamp was required the postmark would be applied to the envelope in the usual place whether

there was a stamp there or not. Had a fighting burgher prepaid his letter home with a Chinese local it would have been fully as efficacious as the "Commando Brief" label; and for the reason stated above the Chinese local would have been duly postmarked at the Field P.O.

The "Commando Brief" stamp I hold to be no proper postage stamp at all. I was in Johannesburg at the time of its issue and philatelists there never for a moment accepted the thing as an official issue, but merely as a private speculation. I was neves more surprised in my philatelic lite than when I came to London and saw this yellow label in a dealer's window marked "Very Scarce, £1 10s."!

—*S. C. Fortnightty.*

RUSSIAN LOCALS.

In Russia everything large is loud, and the stamp collector who possesses some of the curious Russian local postal labels will be inclined to think so, too. Russia's postal system is worked on different lines from ours, owing to the vastness of the land to be covered. It is easy to understand that in a country of Russia's dimensions it would not pay to run the postoffice mail routes into every little nook and corner. The manner in which this difficulty is surmounted is both interesting and novel. The imperial post determines a fixed route for its mails. All districts which are not on that route are permitted to establish miniature posts, which carry letters to the nearest station on the route of the imperial post. These posts are organized and worked by the local municipal governments, which issue stamps for the purpose. These posts were authorized by an edict (dated September, 3, 1870), to carry local letters from one point in the district to another, and also to take letters to and from the nearest office of the government postal service. With their characteristic fondness for vivid colors, the designers of the rural stamps have made them of many hues, and if they are uot particularly artistic they are decidedly highly colored. Some of the results are, in consequence, often absurd in the eyes of a Briton, but it must also be admitted that some of them are admirable specimens of the engraver's art.

The stamp of Tiraspol would vie with a match box label in point of size. Two penny English stamps could be laid side by side on top of this philatelic giant and still not cover it completely. Tiraspol is a district in the province of Cherson. The stamp is a marvel of the designer's art, and is printed in no fewer than five colors, namely, gold, red, black, green and yellow. In it the Russian eagle is surmounted with a cross printed in gold, the arms of the municipality of Tiraspol are shown below the Russian standard, and the inscriptions indicate that it is a "Tiraspol rural stamp." * * * Anyone learning the Russian language would do well to collect these rural stamps. In a few weeks he would become so interested in Russia and its postal system that the language with its grammar, would be the only outlet for his enthusiasm. Another educational advantage to be gained from Russian rural stamps is the knowledge of the geography of the interior of the country, and the stamps pave the way for a very good knowledge of Russia's numerous provinces, municipalities and small towns. A curiously mystic-looking stamp comes from Tikhvin, in the province of Novgorod. The design shows a sun, printed in gold, and a band of silver on a shield of red and blue. The outer frame is in black. This handsome stamp is printed in five colors. Another illustration is of a stamp from Oustsysolsk, in the Province of Nologda. It shows a typical local landscape, in the foreground of which stands a shaggy bear, whose gaze is fixed upon some unseen prey. The stamp is a pretty one, being printed in three colors, red, blue and brown, the last named colour being reserved for bruin, the typical animal of Russia.—*London Westminster Gazette.*

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

NOTES SUR L'ÉMISSION PROVISOIRE DLS TIMBRES-POSTES FRANÇAIS DITS DE BORDEAUX (by Paul Hermand).

We have received a neatly bound copy of this work from the publisher Mr. Th. Lemaire, 16 ave. de l'Opera, Paris. It is a most interesting history of the Bordeaux printed stamps of the French Republic, issued in 1870, after the fall of the Empire of Napoleon III, during the time Paris was invested by the besieging Prussian army. Many official documents relating to this historical issue are given, enlarged photogravures of the different types, and illustrations of most interesting covers. Few stamps possess greater historic interest than this Bourdeaux issue, and the collector will turn to them with even greater interest when he has perused their history in Mr. Harmand's entertaining notes.

Editorial.

THE LEAGUE OF CANADIAN PHILATELISTS.

Few societies have proved so successful as the league of which we have the honor to be the official organ. It was started in September 1898 by seven Montreal philatelists, and as stated in our editorial of December 1898 it "was or-"ganized to have a national Canadian "Society, free of political wrangling and "disputes." It was probably with that object in view that the 7th article of the constitution names the MONTREAL PHILATELIST as its permanent official organ. Thus avoiding an annual wrangle, fostered by journalistic competitors, in which self interest would ordinarily be the motive force. To undertake a permanent task of such a nature, involves considerable responsibility, and imposes upon the editor of the official organ, a closer supervision of the doings of the society, its membership and officers, than would be necessary, if as in other societies the official organ were elected from year to year. It makes the interests of the society and its organ identical, what affects one affects the other.

Other articles of the constitution provide for the election by ballot of its officers at an annual convention, but here again we note the determination to avoid politics, by the fact that previous nominations are not required. Each member votes at the convention for whom he pleases, without regard to any nominations or tickets which have been previously made, and which are quite foreign to the objects of the society, as tending to introduce a party spirit. Upon the resignation of the first president, the duty of appointing his successor fell upon the trustees, and the choice they made of Mr Hall, a man well known to be opposed to "philatelic politics," has by subsequent events proved a wise selection, while it carried out one of the express objects for which the L. of C. P. was formed. At the time the presidency became vacant there were but 75 members, since that date 132 applications for membership have been received, most of which have been accepted. Quality not quantity has always been the policy of the league in regard to its membership, consequently its exchange superintendent has had no trouble with delinquents, and the position of attorney has been a sinecure. For several reasons it has not been deemed advisable to meet in convention till this year, consequently no elections could be held, and the officers have continued in office up to the present time.

In another column we republish the constitution of the league, for the benefit of those members who may not have our Volume I No. 6 in which it originally appeared. Some few explanatory articles will be proposed at the convention which will be held in Montreal, as per the president's call on July 1st and 2nd, the officers will be elected, stamps will be exhibited and discussed, an informal auction will be held, excursions and sight seeing enjoyed, and we trust the members will separate pleased to have met, better acquainted, and hoping to meet again.

A CANADIAN NATIONAL COLLECTION.

We notice that our antipodean contemporary *The Australian Journal of Philately* is agitating the subject of a National collection of the stamps of Australia. In India such a collection is we understand already in existence, the great Tapling collection in the British Museum, and the collection of the Postal Museum in Washington are also national in character and ownership. Why we should not have a Canadian National Collection? If the idea is accepted by the Government of the Australian Commonwealth, we trust that it will be brought to the notice of our Postmaster-General Mr. Mulock, who is now in Australia, and that upon

his return to Canada something may be done. There is now in the Library of Parliament a small collection of Canadian stamps, and proofs, but it is far from complete. The Postal Union specimens are received regularly by the department, but what becomes of them no one seems to know. We have heard it stated that they are given away to favored officials, whether this report is true or not, it is certain that they are not properly classified and mounted.

In the hands of a proper custodian, who knows some thing of the stamp business, where and how to exchange duplicates, with the material available at Ottawa an extensive and interesting collection could be made with very little expense. Let us hope that our philatelic friends in Parliament will agitate the subject during next winter's session.

CATALOGUE OF CANADIAN REVENUE STAMPS, 3rd edition, Wm R. Adams, Toronto.

A note from the publisher, accompanying this catalogue, which claims to be the most complete published, informs us that "certain values of stamps, being more plentiful, prices have been revised." This revision of prices probably refers to Electric Light stamps as nearly all other prices are much higher than those of the Standard catalogue published in 1899 by Needham & Co., and which are still the generally accepted prices of nearly all Canadian dealers; in fact most dealers are selling the ordinary bill, law, weights and measures, and telegraph stamps at 25 to 33⅓ per cent discount from the 1899 list. Electric light stamps were issued in 1895, to be used as evidence of the payment of the fees for the inspection of electric meters, and were attached to the certificate of inspection; such certificates are good for five years, consequently the earlier ones are only now requiring to be renewed. As vast numbers of these certificates, in all parts of the Dominion, are becoming valueless by the expiration of their five year term, the stamps are being removed and sold in large quantities. The prices quoted for them are about ten times their real value.

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No. 212. J. S. Bolton, 5 Elmwood Rd. Croydon, Eng. Stamp merchant, Ref: W. K. Hall, H. Smith.

The date of the first convention is now close upon us, and it is with much regret that I find I am unable to attend, through pressing business engagements. I wish on this occasion to convey to the members present my hearty good wishes, and trust they may have a most enjoyable and real good time The arrangements are in such good hands that I feel sure every thing will be done to make the meeting a success.

The Society at present appears to be in such happy and prosperous conditions that I fervently hope the election of officers, &c., will pass off amicably and not cause any friction or unpleasantness amongst the members.

The Committee, Messrs. Wurtele, Magill and Barwick having received their instructions from the President, there is no doubt they will carry them out accordingly, and I will leave it in their hands to report progress.

In withdrawing from the office of Sec.-Treas. I beg to thank the members for the courtesy I have always received at their hands and I trust what little I have done in the interests of the Society has been satisfactory.

H. SMITH, Sec.-Treas.
Medford, Mass., 5th, June 1901.

Peterborough, Ont., June 12, 1901.

As it seems to be in the best interests of our Society, that the annual Convention should be held concurrently with that of the Dominion Philatelic Association, I hereby beg to vary my former announcement regarding same, and I now issue a call for the convention to commence on the First day of July next at the hour of 9 a. m., in the Chateau de Ramezay, Montreal, to continue until such business as is brought before it, is finished. Trusting we may have a large attendance of members, believe me to be Sir.

Very Faithfully Yours,
W. K. HALL,
Pres. League of Can. Phil.

AT a meeting of the committee of arrangements for the Montreal convention held on June 13, 1901, a letter from the President was read changing the date of the convention to July 1st commencing at 9 a. m. The Secretary was instructed to conclude arrangements for obtaining the use of the Chateau de Ramezay for that day. It was decided to request through the official organ that members intending to be present should at once notify the secretary of the Committee. The meeting then adjourned till Thursday evening, June 20th when each member is to report suggestions for entertaining visiting members.

W. JAMES WURTELE, Secretary.
Com. of Arrangements

CONSTITUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF CANADIAN PHILATELISTS.

I. NAME.—The name shall be The League of Canadian Philatelists.

II. OBJECT.—The object of this society is to promote interest in philately, and aid the members in all ways possible.

III. MEMBERSHIP.—All philatelists in Canada and the United States are eligible to active membership.

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VIII. Any member may tender his resignation to the Secretary, who shall report the same in the official journal, and if no objection is received within one month of the date of publication it shall be accepted, but no member who is indebted to the association will be permitted to resign.

IX. In case the Secretary is in doubt as to the advisability of accepting the resignation of any member, he shall refer the matter to the Board of Trustees, who shall have power to decide the case.

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XI. OFFICERS.—The officers of the society shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Exchange Superintendent, Auction Manager, Librarian, and three associate Trustees.

XII. Their election shall be conducted under the supervision of a committee on credentials, unless otherwise provided for, by ballot, sealed in an envelope, designated as such and directed to said committee, any time before the closing of the polls, which shall be at noon on the date set.

XIII. A majority of the votes cast shall elect, and each officer shall hold office until the close of the next annual convention and until his successor shall have qualified.

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10c. carmine	04
15c. slate	06
25c. ultramarine	08

Turkey

1901

External Postage	5	paras ochre	02
	10	" yellow-green	02
	20	" lilac	04
Internal Postage	5	" violet	02
	10	" green	02
	20	" carmine	04
Journal Stamps	5	" ochre and black	02
External	10	" yellow, green and black	02
	20	" lilac and black	04
Journal Stamps	5	" violet and black	02
Internal	10	" green and black	02
	20	" carmine and black	04

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20 " "		04

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"	1 00	rose	7 00,	"	6 00
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	12	lilac	9 35		
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" " " per 10 ..... .20
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" " 2d per 10..... .20
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NEWS OF THE MONTH

Our surmise last month, that the recent notice by the Government of Great Britain forbidding the use of obsolete stamps after June 1st, was not necessarily a decree of their demonetization, as our contemporaries assumed, turns out to be correct. The editor of *Morley's Philatelic Journal* wrote to the officials on the subject and has received the following reply: "Allowance of the stamps which will be-"come useless on June 1st can be claimed "at any time within 6 months of that "date under the provisions of the Stamp "Duties Management Act 1891." In Canada stamps are never demonetized, our government however refuses to redeem them, and in order to prevent those dollar value Jubilees, held by speculators, being used up in about the only way they can be used for the payment of newspaper postage in bulk, a recent order requires publishers of newspapers to pay their 2nd class rates in cash, not in stamps. The speculators have been selling out to the newspapers, at a discount, thousands of dollars worth of Jubilee stamps, and it is in order to stop this loss to the post office that the new rule has been adopted. An important event in commercial philately is the recent absorption of the Scott and New England Stamp Companies by the American Collectors' Co. of New York, which has increased its capital to $450,000, making it, when the shares shall have been taken up, the largest stamp concern in the world.

ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

BOSNIA.—(*5 Kronen stamp*). Another high value stamp, of the type of the 1 and 2 Kr. reported in our January number, 5 Kronen blue is announced by several European journals.

CEYLON.—(*Official Rs. 1.50*). The 1 rupee 50 cents, rose, issued last year has been surcharged ON SERVICE.

CRETE. —(*Rumored surcharged 1 dr. unpaid letter*). Owing to its similarity with the 1 lepton value, it is said that the 1 drachma of the new unpaid letter set is to be surcharged. It is also announced that the set in olive bistre, reported in our April number as unpaid letter stamps on the authority of the *Am. J. of Ph.* are really revenues.

ECUADOR. — (*Further color changes*). In our March number we announced the change of color of the lower values of the current type, the following are also reported:

20c. gray,	formerly	green.
50c. light blue,	"	rose.
1s. brown,	"	ochre.

FRANCE.—(*Postal packet stamps*). A set of stamps, similar in shape to the current high value postage but having a locomotive as the principle design, have recently been issued for the prepayment of packages on the Government railway system. They can hardly be termed postage stamps as they are issued, we learn, by the railway not the postal administration, but we suppose they are as much entitled to that distinction as the Belgian railway stamps. The set comprises:

5 centimes, gray.	50 centimes, blue.
10 " green.	1 franc, brown.
20 " rose.	2 " red.

(*The Military Frank*). In regard to the proposed frank in three colors, announced in our May number, it is now said on account of the expense of their production as intended, that they will not be issued, but that the surcharged 15c will continue in use for this special army service.

GREAT BRITAIN. —(*Official ½d.*) The ½d green has been surcharged I. R. OFFICIAL in black.

MONACO. — (*Color of 10c post card changed.*) The 10c card has appeared in brick red on green.

NEW CALEDONIA.—(*Another provisional 15c.*) The 1 franc bronze green has been surcharged like the 75c, reported in May N.C.E. 15c.

NICARAGUA. - (*Provisionals.*) In addition to the three values of unpaid letter stamps surcharged CORREOS, reported last month, the 1, 2, 30 and 50c have also been operated upon. Besides these, of the regu-

lar postage stamps the 1 peso has been surcharged 2 centavos, the 2 pesos becomes 20 centavos, and the 5 pesos becomes 10 centavos. The 6 and 12c post cards have been altered to 5 and 10c, and reply cards have been divided for use as single 2c cards.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.—(*Provisional 1d reply card.*) In addition to the provisional ½ and 1d cards described in our April and May numbers, the Cape Colony 1d brown reply card has also been surcharged ORANGE RIVER COLONY in black.

PARAGUAY.—(*Color changes.*) The 5c stamp of the 1900 type has been changed in color from green to brown. As the former color was the regular U. P. U. one, the object of the change is not apparent. *Mekeel's Weekly* also reports the change of the 2c from grey to rose, and the issue of a new value, 40c, blue.

SOUTHERN NIGERIA.—(*Envelopes.*) A 1d envelope rose on white, and a 2d registration envelope blue are reported.

SPAIN.—(10c. *U.P.U. post card*). The card described in May with stamp to left is for local use, another 10c. card with stamp to right, red on orange, has been issued for the Postal Union inscribed in the usual manner.

TASMANIA.—(*Discontinuance of the ½d. pictorial*). It is announced by the *Australian J. of Ph.* that on account of the expense of production, the ½d pictorial issue is to be discontinued and the ½d. of the old type to be re-issued.

TRANSVAAL.—(*E. R. I. Registration envelope*). The 4d. registration envelope has been surcharged E. R. I. in type similar to that used on the adhesives. It is reported that a set of stamps is in preparation bearing King Edward's portrait.

TUNIS.—(*Letter cards in changed colors*). Following the issue of adhesive stamps in U.P.U. colors, the colors of the letter cards have also been altered and now come as follows :—

10c. Carmine on grey.
15c. Grey on greenish.
25c. Blue on rose.

TURKEY.—(20 *paras post cards*) Single and reply cards with stamps of the new type have been issued ; for foreign postage, 20 paras, red on rose ; for interior postage, 20 paras, lilac on rose. The cards for the interior have Arabic inscriptions only, the others are inscribed in Arabic and French.

URUGUAY.—(*Official stamps*). All the recently issued stamps are reported with the surcharge OFICIAL in black.

VICTORIA. — (*Envelope and cards*). The 1d. and 2d. envelopes reported in our May number should have been described as being types (Scott) E7 and E8 with the words STAMP DUTY removed. Single and reply post cards with a 1d. stamp of the re-issued type (A26) rose-red on buff have been issued, also a 1d. letter card of same type and color on grey. The re-issued type of the 2d. (A27) violet has also appeared on letter cards, and a stock of about 40,000 old type 2d. letter cards, have been issued surcharged ONE PENNY in blue across the stamp ; the inscription on the back is struck out by three bars in blue, and a new inscription is printed on the face indicating that it is FOR USE WITHIN VICTORIA, and that an additional 1d. stamp must be affixed if addressed to any other Australian state, New Zealand or Fiji. The reason for this alteration is said to be, because of an error in the instructions on the back, which forbid any enclosures under penalty of the card being treated as an insufficiently paid letter ; but as the 2d rate is the regular one for sealed ½ oz. letters to any part of Australia, enclosures cannot legally be prohibited provided the total weight does not exceed the ½ oz. On the new 2d. letter cards, however, this inscription again appears, so our correspondent's information may not be correct.

SPECULATIVE STAMPS AND COUNTERFEITS.

The stamps described under this heading, we would advise collectors to avoid, as they are manufactured either by official authority or by private individuals for their own gain at the expense of philatelists.

FRANCE.—(*Counterfeits of old issues*). The last number of the *S. C. Fortnightly* illustrates forged *tete beche* pairs of the 10, 15, 20c. and 1 fr. of the first French Republic, which are manufactured in Italy and sold by the maker as "imitations." As the old post marks are also forged, these things are certainly dangerous. When old Europeans are offered, collectors should, before buying, consult an expert, as many other imitations are being turned out from the same source.

GREAT BRITAIN.—(*Imitation of 2½d. plate* 17). The 2½d. claret plate 7 is catalogued at 3c. plate, 17 at $1.00, but the stamp faker finds it an easy matter with a rubber hand stamp to print in a "1" before the 7 on the common stamp and convert it into the rare variety. This simply contrived fraud is exposed in the *S. C. Fortnightly*, which states that considerable quantities are in existence.

Logic A lady who some time ago advised us to be logical, *assumed* certain conditions as ours, and drew perfectly logical conclusions therefrom. We corrected the assumption and re-stated OUR premises, which, when applied to the lady's conclusion, formed an absurdity. The lady now complains we have misrepresented her. Beg pardon, madam, we did not misrepresent ; we merely gave a little lesson in logic, and the *reductio ad absurdum.*

CONVENTION OF THE LEAGUE OF CANADIAN PHILATELISTS.

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The League, in accordance with the President's call, met in convention at the Chateau de Ramezay, Montreal, on July 1st. Most of the Montreal members were in attendance, but only one from out of town, Mr. Ruggeri, of Longue Pointe, Que.

Owing to the absence of the President, Vice-Presidents, and Secretary, Mr. F. W. Würtele was unanimously elected chairman, and Mr. W. James Würtele secretary of the convention.

The President's address was then read as follows:—

Fellow Members of the League of Canadian Philatelists:

I very much regret that it was quite impossible for me to be with you to-day, to preside over the deliberations of our first convention, but I sincerely trust you will work harmoniously together for the best interests of our Society and the advancement of the cause of Philately at large.

The dying days of the old century and the dawning of the new have constituted a history-making epoch, especially to collectors of the "little gim-crack pictures, fit only for babes and sucklings." The Empire has lost its noble, beloved Queen and Empress; a loss which has assuredly come a little nearer to collectors than to ordinary citizens, accustomed as we have been, from the earliest stages of our collecting, to the many-sided miniatures of that sweet face, as maid, wife, mother and widow. New issues, bearing the portrait of his present Majesty, will soon be the order of the day, but, for beauty and charm, the first issue of the Colonies, those gems of the engravers' art, like the Queen's memory, will always reign supreme.

Great Britain has added two new colonies to a list already very long and imposing, and no longer stands in "splendid isolation," but shews to a wondering world a united front and a united empire, not only in name, but in fact and deed. Truly, as a noted novelist has well said, the Boer War has been a blessing in disguise, and we Britons, the world over, owe much to Oom Paul Kruger, the "Cause of it all." To collectors the war has opened up a new and prolific field of research, and the making of new issues throughout the world goes merrily on. I am not, however, opposed to new issues in toto, for I honestly believe many recruits are thereby gained. It is stated the war has given collecting a tremendous impulse in the Mother land, and I doubt not that the Pan-American issue will have a like effect in the United States. If I ever before entertained any doubts as to the stability and permanence of our hobby, fad or science, which you will, they were entirely removed after a considerable portion of two days spent in the society of Mr. Chas. J. Phillips, the Managing Director of Stanley Gibbons, Limited. I would that such a gentleman could be with you to-day to give you a talk on stamps. I submit his coming to Canada was a noteworthy philatelic event, as he is the prince of stamp dealers, undoubtedly, and has great faith in the future of our hobby.

As to our Society, I think we can very well lay the flattering unction to our souls that all goes well. Since 1st October, 1899, 150 new members have been enrolled, including many of the leading Philatelists of Canada and the United States, making up in quality what may be lacking in quantity. Taken all in all, we can safely make claim to be the leading Canadian Society, and, as such, I am making a motion, in the usual way, that our Society be henceforth called "The Canadian Philatelic Society," to my mind, a vastly better and more dignified title, and I bespeak for the motion your careful consideration. I understand from Mr. Smith that the Sales Department, the most important in our Society, undoubtedly, is in a flourishing condition. Let each member see to it that they introduce at least one new member in the coming year, and that he be above reproach.

Again regretting my inability to be present, and wishing you all a most enjoyable time, I beg leave to subscribe myself,

Very faithfully yours,

W. K. HALL,

President.

The report of the Secretary-Treasurer and sales superintendent was then read:—

Fellow Members of the League of Canadian Philatelists:

I very much regret that I cannot be with you on this occasion, the first convention of our flourishing Society.

I think it unnecessary to make a very long report to you on this occasion, as the recent acquisitions to our ranks shows the prosperous condition of our Society, and that we are getting the right material to still further increase its popularity. It must be very gratifying to you, gentlemen, to see the steady growth we are making, but we are not looking for quantity, but quality.

We have certainly lost some few members, but most of them joined in the early days, when, I am afraid, sufficient caution was not taken in the selection of candidates. A new Society of this kind is liable to look more for members than anything else, consequently undesirable members creep in. These days, for this Society, have passed; and we are now so firmly established, that with proper management, the future looks most promising.

I have thought it well, gentlemen, to submit for your perusal a full list of those members in good standing, 145 in number. I also append a list of ex-members, some of whom it would be well to try and get re-instated. It will be noticed that out of 62 who joined previous to October, 1899, only 22 remain (3, however, having re-joined). This speaks for itself.

In the fall of 1899 we were fortunate in securing the services of Mr. W. Kelsey Hall as our President, who has done much to improve and increase our Society in many ways, and I think it will interest you, gentlemen, to know who have assisted him to build up the Society. I, therefore, give you the folowing list. Personally. I have been fortunate enough to secure 28 members; Mr. W. J. Wurtele, the proprietor of our excellent official journal, 26; Mr. W. Kelsey Hall, 24; The Montreal Philatelic Association, 13; Mr. A. R. Magill, 7; Mr. H. A. Chapman, Vice-President for the United States, 4; Messrs. Moisant, Downes, Fowle, Marimian, and Rev. von Pirch, 2 each; Messrs. Brewis, F. W. Wurtele, Croll, Pilot, Keary, Colman, Estarallas, McIntyre and H. W. Brown, 1 each.

(Here follows a list of members and ex-members, which will be published at a later date.)

In October, 1899, I also started the Sales Department, which I am pleased to say has, so far, worked very satisfactorily, and far exceeded my expectations. A full report of the same is annexed.

Many questions will no doubt be brought before you for consideration. I would submit one or two suggestions.

FOREIGN MEMBERS.—I do not think the dues here are sufficient to cover expenses, 5c. for notice of dues and 5c. again to send membership card, does not leave sufficient to pay for official organ and postage of same.

CONSTITUTION.—Several want revising. No. 3, for instance, does not apply. This should be open.

I now beg to submit my report as Treasurer. There being no regular appointed auditor, I got the two gentlemen who have signed their names at foot to audit the accounts, which I think you may safely accept, as they are both book-keepers in responsible positions.

I have endeavored to keep down expenses as much as possible, but I find it rather a difficult matter to make the "two ends meet" with a 25-cent subscription.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

To 1st Oct., 1899.		
Fees and Dues	$20 63	
To 1st Oct., 1900.		
Fees and Dues	29 83	
To 1st July, 1901.		
Fees and Dues	33 69	
		$84 15
To 1st Oct., 1899.		
Official Organ, Printing Blanks, postage, etc., per R. C. Bach, to Feb., 1899	$ 9 15	
Official Organ, Feb. to Oct., 1899	7 12	
Stationery	2 07	
Postage to Oct., 1899	1 97	
To 1st Oct., 1900.		
Official Organ to date	$13 38	
Printing Blanks	2 50	
Postage	5 64	
Envelopes and small payments	1 70	
To 1st July, 1901.		
Official Organ to date	$17 92	
Printing Notice Forms	1 50	
Envelopes, etc.	1 00	
Postage to date	5 71	
Magill Advt. and forms	2 00	
Printing Ballots	3 65	
Postage of same	1 75	
		$77 06
Balance on hand		7 09
		$84 15

We, the undersigned auditing committee, have examined the books of the Treasurer, and find them to be correct, with proper vouchers for payments. We find the amount of cash on hand, $7.09, to be correct.

CHAS. H. FOWLE,
EUGENE C. WHEELER.
Auditing Committee, League of Canadian Philatelists.
Medford, Mass., June 25, 1901.

And now, gentlemen, having endeavored to serve you faithfully and in the true interests of the Society, I must ask you to release me from the position of Sec.-Treasurer, as I find it rather a pressure on the little spare time I have at my disposal; at the same time, I shall use my best endeavors to assist in helping to keep the "League of Canadian Philatelists" in the proud position it now holds, and again thanking the members for all courtesies, I will inscribe myself,

Yours fraternally in Philately,

H. SMITH,
Sec. Treas.

SALES DEPARTMENT REPORT.

457	Books received, value	$7,334 22	
286	Books retired, value	4,293 44	
	Balance in circulation	$3,040 78	
	Sales from 286 books, retired value	$4,293 44	$985 84
	Equal to about 23 per cent.		
	Number of Circuits sent out		71
	Number of Circuits returned		56
	Still in circulation		15
	Number of Members patronizing the Department as buyers or sellers, or both		80

INSURANCE FUND.

Amount to credit ..$65 07

This report is made up to the 1st June, representing one year and seven months, the period the Department has been working.

The amount of Books in circulation would appear comparatively rather large, but several circuits have come in during the current month, the books of which I have not had the time to check up and retire. Now I have these reports for the convention off my hands, the owners will hear from me in due course.

In submitting this report, I have great pleasure in stating that the Department is working very satisfactorily. I am troubled occasionally by delays in forwarding circuits, generally the absence of the member or other explainable cause, fortunately most of the sellers understand these delays, but I am sorry to say there are a few who think they should have returns almost before their books get in circulation.

All I ask of sellers is necessary "patience," and I will do the best for them. Some lose sight of the fact that these circuits travel thousands of miles, starting here in Massachusetts to New York, Oregon and other places in the United States, to Vancouver, Canada, back through Canada, possibly to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, and occasionally across the Atlantic; they should consider the time it takes to cover this territory.

There are very few that realize the work there is in conducting a Sales Department as it should be. I have tried my best to give satisfaction to both buyers and sellers (a difficult matter sometimes). The system I have adopted gives me lots of work, but my desire, gentlemen, is to make the Department a success, and if you think well to re-elect me as Superintendent, I will use my best endeavors to still further improve the Department.

INSURANCE FUND.—The amount received for this fund is $70.13. Fortunately the calls upon it have been small, a stamp occasionally lost in transit, etc., amounting to $4.06, leaving a balance of $65.07 to credit.

I propose to make a reduction in the fee for books over $20 in value, making it half of 1 p.c., the fee on books under that amount to remain as before, viz., 1 p.c. Should we, however, unfortunately meet with any heavy loss, the previous arrangement would have to be reverted to, of which due notice would be given.

I hope, gentlemen, you will excuse any short-

comings in this report, for it has been written in a temperature of 95 degrees, and I hope, for your sakes, it may be cooler in Montreal on the 1st July, and that you may have a real good time.

With hearty good wishes,

H. SMITH,
Sales Dept.

N.B.—I find a few books have been in the Department nearly 8 months (this is the longest), but as they contained exceptionally good stamps, I was anxious all members on circuit should see them, and as I have now over 70 buyers, an average of 3 days each would give about seven months. Members will please note this.—H. S.

Mr. Magill then read his report as librarian as follows:—

Gentlemen:

Since I was appointed librarian of the League, sixteen months ago, I have received donations of 237 papers from various members.

As the former librarian had made no effort to secure papers, he had none to turn over to me, and consequently I had to start and build one up.

I have exchanged papers for a few members, and have loaned papers to several others.

I herewith desire to thank the members who were so kind as to donate papers. Hoping that you will accept this brief report, I remain,

Yours faithfully,
A. R. MAGILL.

The Committee of Arrangements then reported its doings in connection with the convention.

It was moved by W. Patterson, seconded by N. Huguenin, and carried unanimously, that these reports be accepted, and that a vote of thanks be tendered to Messrs. Hall and Smith and all retiring officers for their services during the past 18 months, which have resulted in placing the society in so enviable a position.

A communication from the President was then read, appointing Messrs. Patterson, Huguenin, Cornish and Barwick scrutineers of ballots, but as the two latter gentlemen were not present, Mr. Roussel was requested to take their place. These three gentlemen then proceeded to open and count the ballots. While so employed, the Chairman read the proposed amendments to the constitution. The amendment to Clause I., changing the name, was proposed by the President. The other changes were proposed by W. J. Würtele and A. R. Magill, and after some discussion, the following motion was unanimously carried:—

Proposed by W. James Würtele, seconded by A. C. Roussel, that the constitution as already published be adopted by this convention, with the addition of the amendments annexed when approved by the society. That the amending clauses be published in the official organ, and that if no objection is raised to them by at least ten members before the publication of the September number, they shall then come into force. Should such objection be made, a mail vote for or against any changes which may be objected to shall be taken and a majority of votes shall decide.

On the conclusion of the discussion on the amendments to the constitution, the convention took a short recess to enable the scrutineers to complete their report. The result of the election was announced at 12.20 as follows:—

President, W. Kelsey Hall, Peterboro, Ont.

Vice-President, Ernest F. Wurtele, Quebec.

Vice-President for U. S., H. A. Chapman, Rocky Hill, Conn.

Secretary-treasurer, C. H. Fowle, 43 Magoun Ave, Medford Mass.

Exchange Supt., H. Smith, Medford, Mass.

Auction Mgr., G. P. Legrand, New Carlisle, Que.

Attorney, Geo. F. Downes, Palmerston, Ont.

Librarian, A. C Telfer, Montreal.

Counterfeit Detector, H. A. Croll, Palmerston, Ont.

Foreign Correspondent, R. R. Bogert, Paris, France.

Trustees, Oliver Barwick, A. R. Magill, A. C. Roussel.

Official Organ, Montreal Philatelist.

After votes of thanks to the scrutineers, the chairman and secretary the convention was declared closed.

W. JAS. WURTELE,
Sec. pro tem.

SOUTH AFRICAN STAMP NOTES.

By H. Rudd, Capetown, June 1st, 1801.

I have seen a specimen of a Transvaal postcard printed by the Boer Government at Machadodorp. The printing is in red, and the design and wording somewhat similar to the late Republican issue. In the bottom left corner are inscribed the words. "Staats Veld Drukkery, Machadodorp" (official field press, Machadodorp). The only value I have seen is the 1d. These cards are already selling at 30s. a pair. With reference to my paragraph on "Schweezer Remeke Stamps," I have also seen the ½d. and 1d. current Cape of Good Hope issue roughly overprinted "Beseiged" and used in the above-named place.

The first stamps to bear King Edward's head are to be issued for the Transvaal Colony.

The following are the prices paid for wholesale lots of the stamps named below in this city:—O.F.S., V.R.I., ½ in sheets, 20 per cent. above par; 1d., 2d., 2½d., 6d., 1s., Z.A.R., V.R.I., 10 per cent. above face value in sheets of 60; 6d. Rose, O.F.S., V.R.I., 10s. 6d. each; 5s. Transvaal stamps, 12s. each; set of V.R.I., O.F.S., postcards, 2s. 9d. set.

EDITORIAL.

The reports of the President and Secretary of the L. of C. P. are of interest to all readers, whether members of the league or not, so probably there will not be much regret expressed that the convention proceedings have crowded out our usual editorial article.

Plagiarism

Or stealing another's writings and publishing them as one's own, possibly being paid for the stolen work, is about as mean an act as that of the stamp substitutor. Persons guilty of it should be pilloried amongst philatelic FRAUDS. The latest fraud of this kind is Frank Moe, who publishes as his own in the July *Philatelic Advocate* an article, mutilated and partly copied from the editorial in the MONTREAL PHILATELIST of December, 1899. Can Frank Moe tell us where is to be found the original article by Mr. Pemberton, from which he professes to quote?

The League of Canadian Philatelists

Organized September, 1898.

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Librarian—A. C. Telfer, Montreal.
Attorney—Geo. F. Downes, Palmerston, Ont.
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Board of Trustees—A. C. Roussel, O. W. Barwick, A. R. Magill, Montreal.
Official Organ—The Montreal Philatelist.

Secretary's Report.

NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED.

208. C. B. Salisbury, Syracuse, N.Y.
209. C. E. Crouch, Rochester, N.Y.
210. W. H. Schmalz, Berlin, Ont.
211. Robert H. Platt, Phelpston, Ont.
212. I. S. Bolton, Croydon, Eng.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

213. C. W. Merriman, Brockville, Can., U. S. Consul. Ref., W. K. Hall, H. Smith.

214. Robt. Nandi, 50 Strada Vescova, Valletta, Malta, advocate. Ref., W. J. Wurtele, Int'l Stamp Co.

C. H. FOWLE, Sec.-Treas.

Sales Department.

I have just received notification of my re-appointment as sales superintendent, and beg to thank the members for their renewed confidence in me, and I will continue to use my best endeavors to give satisfaction and further improve the department. I have this week sent out 3 new circuits, and several of the old ones have come in; in fact everything seems to have come at once, consequently it will be a little while before I can get these circuits checked up and books retired, so sellers must please excuse a little delay, especially as the thermometer is ranging anywhere between 85 and 100 (mostly the latter) in these parts the last week. In the fall I hope to still further increase the department, and ask all members, not at present on the list, wishing to participate in the privileges of the department to send in their names in the meantime. Buyers will find many snaps in these circuits.

H. SMITH, Sales Supt.

MEDFORD, Mass., 6th July, 1901.

W. James Wurtele, Esq. Dear Sir:—Thanks for your card of the 2nd inst., notifying me of my appointment as attorney for the League of Canadian Philatelists. I might say that the term "attorney" is hardly the correct one in Canada, "solicitor" being the name used to designate our profession. However, the term makes little difference, as members generally understand the nature of the duties required of the officer. The term attorney is used in the United States societies, and so has doubtless been adopted by our league.

I have to thank the convention for their selection of myself as the League's attorney, and shall do my best for any members who entrust their business to me.

In the past I have not charged according to any fixed system, but have done my best to collect, and where successful remitted as large an amount as possible to the client, keeping very little for myself, as I felt that it was largely an honorary position I held.

However, at your suggestion that I give my rules for the future, I would say that my fees will hereafter be 10 per cent. of the amount collected and disbursements (postage), with a minimum fee of fifty cents for each collection made.

In one instance in the past I had a few accounts sent me for collection, but the particulars were not sufficiently definite (in one case no address of the debtor being given). This necessitated my writing for same. However, my letter was not answered, and although I have written three letters, I am not yet in receipt of the necessary information. This is not right, and in case clients are so negligent, they should be charged for the extra work caused by their negligence.

I trust that from the above you will be able to get the information you desire. If there is anything further I can do for you, I shall be pleased to have you ask it. Yours truly,

GEO. F. DOWNES.

P.S.—My fees will not be like those of the attorney to whom I think it is related that Abraham Lincoln once sent an account, stating that if the attorney could collect it, he might have 50 per cent. The attorney collected 50 per cent., and then wrote Mr. Lincoln that he had collected his half, but that the other half was hopeless.—G. F. D.

To Members of the League of Canadian Philatelists:

I wish to express my sincere thanks for the choice you have made in selecting the "Montreal Philatelist" as official organ for Canada's only harmonious philatelic society. To the very few who voted for the other paper who opposed me (regardless of the fact that the constitution appointed the M.P. as official organ), I wish to say that I hope they will in time find out that the "Montreal Philatelist" is, after all, the only paper the Members of the League require, and although an amendment has been proposed by me to the clause which appointed the M.P. as official organ of the League (so as to give every other paper a chance), I sincerely hope the members of the League will again acknowledge that there is only one paper good enough for them, and when the time comes again, vote for the "Montreal Philatelist."

W. JAMES WURTELE, Publisher.

AMENDED CONSTITUTION as adopted by the convention. The original will be found in June number, the amending clauses are in italics.

I. NAME.—The name shall be *The Canadian Philatelic Society.*

II. (No change.)

III. MEMBERSHIP.—All philatelists in Canada, *Newfoundland* and the United States are eligible for active membership. *Philatelists in other countries can become members by paying in addition to the usual fees, the extra expense required for postage of the official organ, notices and other necessary communications.*

IV. (Add to this clause) *and forwarded to the secretary-treasurer. A list of all applications, with details of address, refcrences, etc., shall be published monthly in the official organ, and if no objections are raised within three weeks the applicants shall be considered accepted.*

V. (add to this clause). *Upon receipt of the annual subscription, the secretary-treasurer shall send the member a certificate of membership good for one year, which shall date from either January or July 1st, as applicant may select, but no fractions of a year shall be considered.*

VI. (No change).

VII. OFFICIAL JOURNAL.—All members will receive the *official organ* monthly, free of charge, *from the date of membership. The secretary-treasurer to pay to the publisher 15 cents from the annual dues of each member after same have been collected, also any postage collected from foreign members for that purpose. The official organ shall be chosen each year at the annual election, and shall charge a uniform rate of one dollar for every page over one per month which is occupied by the reports of the society.*

VIII. IX. X. (No change).

XI. (Add to the list of officers)—*Vice-President for United States, Attorney, Purchasing Agent.* (Add to the clause). *The duties of these officials shall be such as ordinarily belong to such offices. Rules in conformity with the constitution, for the management of each department, shall be drawn up by the officer elected, subject to the approval of the president and trustees.*

XII. (Cancel this clause and replace by the following) :—ELECTIONS.—*The election of officers shall take place annually, at a date fixed by the president, by means of a ballot addressed to one or more of three scrutineers, named by the president. One ballot shall be mailed by the secretary-treasurer to each member in good standing, six weeks before the date of the election, but members qualifying any time before the election can receive a ballot. The ballot forms shall contain full directions for their use, the names of the retiring officers and space for the insertion of the names the member wishes to vote for. Ballots are not to be signed, but are to be sent sealed in the envelope provided for that purpose to the scrutineers, with the voter's signature on the outside of the envelope. No other enclosure and not more than one ballot to be in an envelope. At noon on the date set the scrutineers will see that the envelopes are signed by members in good standing, they will then remove all ballots and destroy the envelopes, after which they will proceed to count the votes, and announce the names of the elected officers. As previous nominations are not required, members desiring to run for office, to arrange a ticket, etc., must personally bear any expense incurred for that purpose.*

XIII. Instead of "until the close of the next annual convention," read "until the next annual *election.*"

XIV. (After words "any officer" read) *or malfeasance in office the position shall become vacant and*

XV. (No change).

XVI. (New clause). AMENDMENTS.—*Changes in this Constitution can only be made by ballot at the annual election. Notice of such proposed change signed by at least ten members must be given in the official organ two months before the date of the election, and a two-thirds majority of the vote cast shall be required to effect the change.*

NOTICE.—Members objecting to any of the above changes are requested to notify the secretary before Sept. 1st after which, unless at least ten objections to any one change are received, they will come into force.

PUBLISHER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

JULY, 1901.

With this number we begin our fourth volume.

Those receiving the MONTREAL PHILATELIST this month, and succeeding months will notice the better quality of printing we are having done.

We have not been altogether pleased with the kind of work we were getting before, so we decided to change. THE GAZETTE PRINTING CO., the largest firm of job printers in the Dominion are now printing our paper, although it costs us many more dollars we are confident our subscribers will appreciate the change.

Send in your renewal, to help us pay for what we are having done in your interests. Get your friends to subscribe, to the best, most reliable and neatest stamp journal in Canada.

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DEALERS, you could help your business to a great extent by saying a good word for the MONTREAL PHILATELIST when you are writing to your customers. There's nothing like bringing into prominence the paper you advertise in. REMEMBER THAT.

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Will be glad to hear from dealers or collectors anywhere in all the world who have good grade postage stamps to offer at "ground floor" cash prices. ROBT. E. NUESE, 126 Franklin Street, New York, U.S.A. s3-11-1

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EXCHANGE. All stamps against want list a.d by sheet. [No very common.] Fairly common, 2c. to 12c., only by 50-5000. J. T. BOLTON, 5 Elmwood Road, Croydon, London, England. 6 10-3.

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NEWS OF THE MONTH

Two important new series of stamps are announced this month; a set for Italy, with the portrait of the reigning monarch, Victor Emmanuel III., and the long-expected series for Greece. A complete new set is also reported from Bulgaria, but up to the date of going to press, we have not received confirmation of the news. War provisionals are reported from Colombia, due to the perpetual revolution in that country. A revolution against President Castro's government in Venezuela is reported in the press despatches, and as the revolutionary forces have assembled on the Colombia frontier, and thence crossed into Venezuela territory, complications which may lead to war between the two republics are feared. Whatever happens, some memento is pretty sure to be recorded in the annals of Philately.

The recent order of the Canadian postal authorities requiring newspaper postage to be paid in cash instead of stamps, is the subject of many protests on the part of the press. Besides preventing the use of the high value Jubilee stamps, which became practically demonetized by this rule, all publishers receive a large proportion of their subscriptions in 1, 2 and 5 cent stamps, generally in much larger quantities than they can use in their ordinary business correspondence; these they are now unable to use for newspaper postage, and, as it is illegal to sell them without a license, publishers are wondering what they are to do with their accumulations of stamps.

The president of Scott Stamp Co. and its consolidated interests, announces a change in the system of fixing prices in the Standard catalogue. In future editions. prices are to be those asked for fine specimens, perfect in every respect, instead of average specimens, as in former editions. It is hoped to secure stability of prices in this way, but looks more like an attempt to inflate prices than otherwise. We shall have more to say about this when the catalogue is issued, in the meantime, contenting ourselves to remark, that in our opinion, no stamp dealing firm's selling quotations can ever be a true standard of values, so long as the firm's buying prices are not quoted. Let the consolidated companies issue a catalogue giving the prices they are prepared to pay for all stamps, in fine condition, and they can then call it in reality a "Standard," stability of prices will be a fact, and selling prices will regulate themselves very quickly. We doubt whether any stamp concern will ever have the courage to issue such a catalogue,

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ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—(*Commemorative post cards*). A series of 2c cards was issued June 26th, commemorative of General Bartolomé Mitre, with various views on the back. There are said to be 4 different views in as many colors, making 16 varieties in all. (*Surcharged envelopes*). The obsolete 12c envelopes, blue, have been surcharged in red 5 with 6 horizontal bars cancelling the former value

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE. (*½d green.*) The current ½d green of Great Britainis announced by "*Le Philateliste Francais*" with the surcharge BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE in black in two lines.

BRITISH GUIANA,—(*Withdrawal of provisional stamps*). An official circular gives notice that the remainders of the provisional set of 1889, in mauve with value surcharged in black, have been withdrawn from circulation. The values mentioned in the circular are the 3c, 4c, 6c, 8c, 10c, 20c, 40c, 72c, also the 5c envelope on thin white paper.

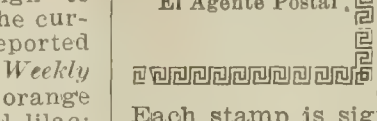
BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA COMPANY.—(*5s, £1, £5 and £10 stamps*), Stamps of a similar design to the others of the current set are reported by *Even's Weekly* 5 shilling orange brown; £1 dull lilac; £5 dark blue; £10 blue lilac. The three higher values are of a much larger size than the rest of the set.

BULGARIA.—(*New series reported*). A complete new set, from 1 stotinka to 3 leva is reported as actually issued by the *Philatelic Chronicle*, but we have not received any confirmation of this report from our foreign correspondents.

CHILI.—30c *current type; 2c letter sheet*). A 30c orange yellow of the current type has been issued. Mr. C. H. Goulden has kindly sent us specimens. We are informed that the 50c old type has just been withdrawn, and that the reported change of color of the 10c from violet to yellow is incorrect. A 2c letter sheet, red, has recently appeared; it is of the same design as the 5c issued last year.

(*A new set contracted for.*) The postal administration, not being satisfied with the stamps supplied by Waterlow & Sons, have contracted with the American Bank Note Company for a new set to be ready in September. The contract calls for 21,000,000 stamps of one color, the 1, 2 and 5 centavos in green, rose and blue respectively, 3,100,000 stamps of two colors, 10c vermilion and black, 30c violet and black, and 50c orange and black; 1,500,000 post cards, besides envelope and telegraph stamps. The design is to be the portrait of Columbus.

COLUMBIA REPUBLIC. (*Provisionals*). Shortage of stamps, and the impossibility of communicating with the Post Office Department at the capital, on account of the revolution, is the usual reason for the issue of type set labels, which the revolutionary forces seem to have no objection to allowing to pass, not only to the capital, but in large lots used and unused to all parts of the world. The recently listed provisionals of Tumaco are freely offered in considerable quantities, which would indicate that a larger number than necessary for postal wants, were printed and apparently cancelled to order. The latest labels of this sort are reported by the *Am. J. of Ph.* as coming from Rio Hacha. They are printed in sheets of sixteen four rows of four, with numerous typographical differences in the border. Each stamp is signed by J. R. Pichon, and five thousand are said to have been issued in all; but only two sheets on green paper. There are two values, 5c and 10, printed in black; the 5c on white and yellow paper, and the 10c on white, grey, blue and green.



COREA.—(*Withdrawal of Japanese offices*). The Japanese stamps surcharged for use in Corea have been withdrawn from service since April 1st.

COSTA RICA.—*Official Stamps*). Several of our contemporaries report the issue of the current 50c and 1, 2, 5 and 10 colones; in addition to the values we listed in June, with the OFICIAL surcharge.

CRETE.—*Unpaid letter stamps 1 and 5 drachma*). As reported, the unpaid letter 1 dr. has been surcharged I ΔΡΑΧΜΗ in black, to distinguish it from the 1 lepton of similar type. The 5 dr. is of a new type, with head of Mercury to right, printed like the lower values in red.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—(*Stationery of the new type*). In addition to the adhesives of the new type which were reported in our April number, a 5c registration envelope with stamp in blue has been issued, also single and reply cards of the values of 1c green, and 3c carmine on buff.

FRANCE.—(*New postal stationery*), In spite of so much hostile criticism, the French postal administration seems to have decided to stick to the new current types, which we illustrated in our January number; these types are now being used for the regular postal stationery, and the following are reported:—

10c post-card, red on green.
15c letter-card, orange on grey.
15c envelope, orange on blue.

GREAT BRITAIN.—(1 *shilling Govt. parcels*). The current 1 shilling green and carmine has been surcharged GOVT. PARCELS.

GREECE.—(*The new set issued*). The long-expected new series for Greece has at last appeared. We have not yet seen all the values, but list on the authority of a correspondent the following:—

1 lepton, brown.
2 lepta grey.
3 " yellow.
5 " green.
10 " rose.
20 " lilac.
25 " blue.
30 " violet.
40 " brown.
50 " claret.
1 drachma, grey black.
2 " bronze.
3 " silver.
5 " gold.

GUATEMALA,—(1 *and* 2c *provisionals*). Two more provisionals are reported by the *Am. J. of Ph.* The 20c green of the 1886 type has been surcharged 1901-1-CENTAVO, and 1901-2-CENTAVOS in black.

HONG KONG.—(5 *cent yellow*). The 5 cent stamp has actually been issued, as reported in our May number, in pale yellow. We have been shown specimens by Mr. Huguenin.

HUNGARY.—(*Surcharged post cards*). The *London Philatelist* reports the old 2kr. reply cards surcharged with the value expressed in the new currency 4 fillers.

ITALY. (*New issue*). We illustrate the 5c and 10c of the new set which has just appeared. The eagle and cross of Savoy are the principal features of the 1, 2 and 5c in various styles of ornamental lettering and background; the portrait of the King appears on the higher values in a varying ornamental design for each. The usual crown watermark is used. The following have been issued:—

1c brown.
2c red.
5c green.
10c carmine.
20c orange.
25c blue.

The 25c has been issued for use in Italian foreign post offices, surcharged in black 1 PIASTRA 1 upon the original value, and the words BENGASI, or LA CANEA for the offices in those places. By Royal decree the old issue of stamps becomes obsolete for postal purposes after June 30, 1902, but may be exchanged for the new stamps up to June 30, 1903, after which date they shall cease to have any legal value.

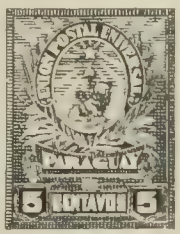
JAMAICA.—(*Pictorial 1d. reported in two colors*). It is stated by the *Am. J. of P.* that they are informed on good authority, that the 1d stamp showing Llandovery Falls, is to be re-issued in two colors, the frame being in red, and the centre in black.

MONTENEGRO.—(3 *and* 5 *nov. post cards in new colors*). The 3 nov. card, green on blue, has been changed to black on grey, and the 5 nov., from black on blue or buff, to carmine on grey. *Le Collectioneur*, from whom we obtain this information, states that only single cards have yet appeared, but expects the reply cards shortly.

NYASSA.—(*A new pictorial set*). This Portugese colony in Africa, which has hitherto had to be content with Mozambique stamps surcharged, has been given a very ornamental set of stamps of its own. There are two designs which we shall illustrate next month. The values from 2½ to 50 reis are of large rectangular shape, having a representation of a giraffe and two palm trees; those from 75 to 300 reis are oblong and have two camels as the central picture. The frame which contains the inscriptions, a miniature portrait of the King of Portugal and the Portugese arms is printed in black, the central pictures are in the following colors:—

2½ reis,	brown.	75 reis,	carmine.
5 "	violet.	80 "	mauve.
10 "	green.	100 "	bistre.
15 "	yellow brown.	150 "	red brown
20 "	red.	200 "	blue green
25 "	orange.	300 "	green.
50 "	blue.		

PARAGUAY.—(*Lithographed Stamps*). It appears that the alteration of colors as reported last month is not the only change in the stamps of this country; the entire set, issued last year, is to be gradually replaced by an issue of similar design, but produced by lithography. The values reported last month in new colors are lithographed, and are the first to appear of the set which is to take the place of the engraved stamps.



SALVADOR.—(*Official stamps of* 1900). The set of adhesive postage stamps dated 1900 has, we presume, now been completed by the appearance of a 24c. grey-black. In addition to the 1, 2, 3 and 5c. of this set,

reported in May, with the surcharge FRANQUEO OFICIAL, the following values have also been similarly surcharged :—

10c ultramarine.
12c light green.
13c orange.
24c gray-black.
26c yellow brown.
50c rose red.

SERVIA.—(5 *para post card in new type*). The design of the new high value adhesives, illustrated in June, has been utilized for a 5 para card, yellow-green on cream.

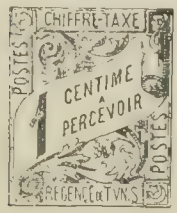
SOUTHERN NIGERIA.—(*The new envelopes*). The 1d envelope reported last month is of the usual embossed colonial type in oval frame, while the 2d registration is of the type of the adhesives listed in our February number, and illustrated herewith.

TRANSVAAL.—(*Alleged Boer issue*). We have hesitated recording the set of stamps said to have been issued by the Boer Government at their last stand at Pietersburg, during the early months of this year. It is stated that the Republican forces were in control of certain mail and telegraph routes in the northern part of the country, and found the employment of stamps a necessity to prevent peculation on the part of their officials, and, in consequence, type set labels printed in black on colored paper were prepared ; it is not stated that any were ever used. The following is a list of the values and quantities printed of each, but not all were issued, a part having been destroyed on the capture of Pietersburg by the English troops:—

½d green..	4,000	perf. and	imp.
1d rose	15,000	"	"
2d orange..	4,000	"	"
4d blue..	1,000	"	"
6d green..	1,000	"	"
1s yellow..	1,000	"	"

Each stamp was initialled by the comptroller of the State printing office, and there are, as might be expected, a number of typographical errors.

(*E. R. I. ½d.*) The ½d. green South African Republic has just arrived with surcharge altered to E. R. I.



TUNIS.—(*The new unpaid letter stamp*). We illustrate the type of the set of unpaid letter stamps of which a list of the values and colors was given in our May number.

URUGUAY.—(20c *re-issued in 1895 type*). The 20c blue, issued last year, in the type of 1889 has been withdrawn; that value now appears in the steamship type of 1895 in blue.

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AUSTRALIAN STAMP SCENES.

By A. Lloyd Jones.

In preparing a series of three essays on "Swans," 'The Emu," and "Tasmania's What-is-it," which, in view of the Australian Federation, should be of special interest at present, I have drawn upon many different sources for my information. The essays, therefore, may be considered more as a condensation of facts gathered from Johnson's extensive work on natural history entitled "Mamalia;" Wood's Natural History. Encyclopaedia Brittanica, Houston's Physical Geography, and other works, besides several newspaper articles, than as original sketches of my own. I have been careful to keep in view, however, those points of most interest to stamp collectors. I begin the series by an article on—

SWANS.

Among the many things we learn from our stamps is something of ornithology. Many different kinds of birds are pictured on stamps, among others, the swan on those of Western Australia.

Swans are large aquatic birds about five feet long, having a large and strong beak and a long graceful neck. They are noted for their graceful movements when swimming, but their progress on land by no means corresponds to their aquatic grace, being confined to an awkward waddle. In literature the swan was fabled to sing a melodious song, especially at the time of its death. In a figurative sense, it is an appellation for a sweet singer or a poet noted for grace and melody. "Sweet Swan of Avon" is an epithet conferred upon Shakespeare by Ben. Jonson in some commendatory verses originally prefixed to the first folio edition of Shakespeare's works printed in 1623.

There are nine or ten species of swans; the most familiar is the elegant and graceful bird called the mute swan, from its silent habits. Swans feed chiefly on vegetable substances, but also on fish spawn. The female makes its nest of a great mass of dry reeds near the water. The swan will raise the nest by adding fresh material before the rising of the water near

which it is placed. There are generally six or eight large, white eggs, and during the incubation, and while the young are still small, the parent birds defend them with great assiduity and courage. The young are of a light, bluish grey color, and do not assume the beautiful white plumage until maturity. During the first period of their life the swans mount on their mother's back and are carried from one place to another. If, in the water the swan is able to sink herself so low that the young can scramble upon her back out of the water, and if on land she helps them up by means of one leg. The mute swan is also called the tame and the European white swan. They are noted for their loud and sonorous cry, due to the complex convolutions of the wind-pipe. To this genus belong the European whooper or whistling swan, and the trumpeter swan. The South American black-necked swan is a very beautiful and graceful species, entirely white, except the head and neck.

For philatelists, however, the greatest interest is that which invests the black swan. This is the species whose picture adorns the stamps of Western Australia. In ancient times, for many centuries, a black swan was emblematical of ornithological fiction. 'Like a black swan", was a well-known proverb, analogous to the "horse marines" of the present day. The discovery of its existence seems, therefore, to have impressed more perhaps than anything else the popular mind with the notion of the extreme divergence—not to say contrarity—of the organic products of Australia.

The Dutch navigator, Willem de Vlaming, visiting the west coast of Zinland (Southland), sent two of his boats on January 6th, 1697, to explore an estuary he had found. There their crews saw, at first, two and then more black swans, of which they caught four, taking two of them alive to Batavia. Valentyn, who several years after recounted this voyage, gives in his work a plate representing the ship, boats and birds, at the mouth of what is now known ,from this circumstance, as Swan River. This is the most important stream of the thriving colony of West Australia, which has adopted this very bird as its armorial symbol, the design being a yellow circle with the black swan in the centre. Valentyn, however, was not the first to publish this interesting discovery. News of it soon reached Amsterdam, and the burgomaster of that city, Witsen by name, himself a member of the Royal Society, lost no time in communicating the chief facts ascertained, and among them the finding of the black swans, to Martin Dister, by whom they were laid before that Society in October, 1698, and printed in its "Philosophical Transactions." Subsequent voyagers, Hook and others, found that the range of species extended over the greater part of Australia, in many districts of which it was abundant. It has since rapidly ceased to exist as a wild bird, but its singular and ornamental appearance will probably preserve it as a modified captive in most civilized countries, and perhaps, even now there are more black swans in a reclaimed condition than are at large in their mother country.

The black swan is not so elegant in its movements as the white swan and holds its neck stiffly, without the easy, serpentine grace of other species. It is a striking and handsome bird, the jetty black of its plumage being relieved by the beautifully contrasting snowy white of its quill feathers. and its blood-red, coral-like bill banded with ivory.

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MONTREAL PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

At a recent meeting of the Montreal Philatelic Association the following gentlemen were elected corresponding members:

Mr. E. F. Wurtele, Quebec ; Rev. R. von Pirch, Berlin; Mr. Chas. Dewick, Huntingdon; Mr. A. E. Rhodes, Boston.

Collectors wishing to join can make application by writing to W. James Wurtele, secretary-treasurer, P.O. Box 563, Montreal.

The dues are $2.00 a year for resident members, and 50c a year for corresponding members.

The Montreal Philatelic Association was started in 1893 and is composed of gentlemen, some of whom possess the finest collections in existence. The Sales Dept. circulates some very fine stamps, and is under the able management of Mr. A. C. Roussel. The Library contains some good old files of Philatelic papers also a large number of handbooks, catalogues,etc., The Association holds fortnightly meetings in the old historic building. The Chateau de Ramezay, (built in 1705. A feature of the reception to be given to the Duke of Cornwall, when he comes to Montreal next September, is to have him visit the old Chateau and as the Duke is himself an enthusiastic philatelist, no doubt the Montreal collectors will extend to him a royal welcome.

EDITORIAL.

BORROWED PLUMES.

Our English contemporaries "*Stamps*" and the "*Stamp Collector*" are still debating the question raised by us in January last—"Should a "PHILATELIST" collect fiscals?" The editor of the first-named journal gave, it appears, an incorrect definition of the term "Philately" some time ago, taking it to mean the love or liking for stamps, as being "the representatives of a tax by the government of a country." This definition is directly opposed to the etomology of the word, and also to the intention of its original inventor. The term was first proposed in 1864 by M. Herpin, who explains its derivation "from *philos* friend or amateur, and "*ateles*,' the adjective or '*ateleia*,' "the substantive, implying 'exemption "from tax.' A philatelist, then, is one "who is fond of these rounds, ovals, "squares, or other forms which bring "your epistles free of postage to your "doors." That there was no intention to include fiscals in the term, and that there was not a greater percentage of fiscal collecting then, than at the present time, is amply proved by the remarks of contemporaneous writers, one of whom suggests that the word might "serve to designate the "collection which the '*roll of years*' "will bring into vogue, of receipt, "bill and other commercial labels "whose presence clears from any *fur*-"*ther*' tax." This far-fetched reasoning was not satisfactory to the few fiscalists of those days, and they, to a limited extent, adopted the word "Philotely," derived from either the adverb "*tele*," from afar, or more probably from "*telos*," a Tax. These "lovers of taxation" were soon laughed out of existence; but it remains to "philotelists" of the present day to appear in borrowed plumes in the attempt to pose as scientific 'PHILATELISTS."

The editor of "*Stamps*" is also in error in restricting philately to the collection of stamps "issued by the government." What is erroneously called in the catalogues, the first issue of Germany, was not a government emission, but still was an issue of postage stamps. Many private concerns, in various countries, have performed the work that is ordinarily done by the government; their labels form a most interesting branch of pure philately. If they are not more generally collected, it is merely because of the great difficulty in distinguishing between the legitimate and the speculative amongst stamps of that class, the absence of authentic information on the subject, and the practical impossibility of procuring it.

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Mr. A. Preston Pearce loses his temper at our exposure of his inability to disprove our arguments, showing that a fiscal collector is not a "Philatelist," he calls names and endeavors to fix a date for the starting point of fiscal stamps. As he does not appear to be quite sure whether to begin with Dutch adhesive fiscals of 1829, the English semi-adhesives of 1694, or the Dutch of 1579, to say nothing of impressed documents of earlier centuries, he helps to prove our assertion that a fiscal collection can have no starting point, and hence lacks "that cohesion and completeness which form the basis of a systematic study of postage stamps."

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Since the above was in type, we have received the July number of *Stamps*, in which the editor re-affirms his incorrect definition quoting from Major Evans' "Glossary of Philatelic Terms" as his authority. Major Evans gives no support to *Stamps*' restricting philately to "officially-issued stamps," and with all due respect to the Major as an authority we maintain that it is the later and not the original definition which would include fiscals as indicating that a document is "exempt from further taxation." A postage stamp in no sense represents a tax, but rather payment for a service. Correspondence not prepaid by these little labels is taxed, hence the French term "Timbre-taxe" applied to unpaid letter stamps, and it is because a postage stamp collector is a lover of the labels that free his correspondence from any tax that Mons. Herpin gave him the name philatelist.

In taking leave of this subject, we thank the editor of *Stamps* for his paternal advice and for the amusement, he a young collector dating from 1871, has afforded thereby to an old boy of 1861, who had a well filled album in Lallier's first edition years before Mons. Herpin's appellation was invented. Truly our young men think their theoretical notions are wiser than the lessons learned by the practical experience of their fathers.

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PHILATELIC NATURAL HISTORY.

A collection of postage stamps has often been extolled as an interesting compendium of the historical and political events of the world, but the fact that important lessons in many other sciences can be gleaned from a study of the little scraps of paper is frequently overlooked. As an aid to the study of natural history, the "locale," habits and traditions in regard to birds, beasts and fishes, and we might add of many specimens of the vegetable kingdom, it is also a valuable guide. We commence this month a series of articles, by a well-known writer, on the natural history of Australia as depicted by its stamps, and we trust it will prove of interest to our readers. We intend to offer prizes to our subscribers for the best essays on subjects of a similar nature, particulars of which will be shortly announced.

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A PHILATELIC ENCYCLOPAEDIA.

In our number of September, 1900, we suggested the advisability of the compilation of a cyclopaedia of philatelic topics, as a work which would prove of lasting benefit to collectors for all time. We are pleased to note that the idea is taking root, and is being discussed by several journals. "*Stamps*" suggests a work of 25 to 30 volumes at $25.00 for the set, issued in a first edition of 2,000. We shall be glad to hear from any readers who may be interested, and shall be pleased to receive suggestions of any kind. Editors of philatelic journals naturally are the first to perceive the necessity of such a work, but all serious collectors have experienced the difficulty of promptly obtaining information upon the hundreds of points that arise in regard to stamps. Few of our American journals are indexed, and when a subject is a few months old, it is practically lost for future reference. For the great majority a catalogue is the full extent of their philatelic library. A first edition of a work such as suggested will, of course, be the most dimcult—our literature dates from thirty-eight years back — to index and condense all that is worth preserving, is an undertaking of considerable magnitude, but co-operation can accomplish much. We learn from "*Stamps*" that Mr. F. A. Bellamy, of Oxford, has been engaged on such a work for the past seven years, but no one man can succeed alone. The co-operation of well-informed philatelists is a necessity if the work is to be of value. What Canadian specialists will volunteer to compile the facts of interest in connection with British North American stamps? Let us hear from you.

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CREAM OF THE MAGAZINES.

THE NEW BRITISH STAMP.

The selection of an Austrian artist, clever though that artist may be, to design the new British stamps, has given deep offence to people in all classes of society. Philatelists—because their minds are broadened by the universality of their hobby—will perhaps be less chagrined than men in other walks of life. Yet this is not a question of ignorant prejudice. There is something in this matter that lifts it above the ordinary level of international jealousy. Englishmen have no animus against foreign artists, as foreign artists know to their exceeding gain; but the average Englishman would dearly have liked to see the head of his King on the penny postage stamp of commerce delineated by the master-hand of some leading British artist.

It is no small matter, this. It is not at all a question of pounds and shillings paid to the artist as his fee, but a question whether or not British artists are to be consistently cold-shouldered in connection with British national institutions.

Quite a tiny thing, the British postage stamp, the smallest possible canvas in the world. But from the artist's point of view, what a glorious

opportunity! No picture in the universe could attain a circulation like unto that of the penny British postage stamp; no man in any of the great professions could hope to reach so vast a public as could the designer of the postage stamps of Great Britain. Were we a talented artist this thing would seem to us to be the uttermost limit of earthly ambition.

As things are we must simply wait and see what sort of a job the Austrian has made of it, and what kind of a job Messrs. De La Rue have made of the Austrian's job.

It is quite probable that Englishmen will still be able to boast that their postage stamps are the worst in all the world. And there is balm in Gilead. The new British stamps will not—as yet—be printed in Germany!—*S. C. Fortnightly.*

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Mr. Nankivell is one of the most fastidous of collectors as to specimens for his albums, and he hinges his stamps at the left-side instead of at the top, contending that by so doing, the stamps close naturally with the page, and stand less danger of being caught and doubled up by the closing book.—*Phil. Jour. of G. B.*

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In selecting specimens for a general collection, care should be taken not only to reject specimens which are "off centre," but also those which, though well-centred, are above the normal size. A row of stamps, well centred but of assorted sizes, does not look as well as one might wish. If the reader will arrange his Mexicans of the 1884-98 issues he will probably discover this for himself. Of course, nearly all "imperfs." give trouble in this respect. Do not take large margin copies unless you are prepared to get all the rest of the set with a similar wealth of surrounding.—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News.*

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AN EXPERT'S ADVICE.

Provided the collector gets fine specimens, either mint, if unused, or lightly postmarked, evenly centred stamps if used, he will have no cause of disquietude in the future respecting the value of his collection. Let him avoid fictitious prices placed on minor varieties. Only last month I had a lot of stamps sent from Barbadoes. In this lot, the ½ of the 5s.-Barbadoes, surcharged 1d., mint, without stop, was priced £70—the Halfpenny on 4d. with surcharge in red and black, £30—and other minor varieties at similar rates. Of these the collector should steer clear. Let him by all means devote himself to minor varieties, but let him only take such varieties when the prices asked bear a just proportion to that of the normal stamp. If he devote himself to to one group of countries, or to one period he will find greater pleasure and more profit than in a general collection, although a general collection is useful to make a start where experience is entirely wanting and has to be acquired. To the young collector the beginning of a new reign offers an excellent starting point. The new £1 and £2 stamps of Victoria will soon be followed by hundreds of stamps bearing the effigy of King Edward the Seventh and the schoolboy will find plenty of occupation both for time and means in gathering current stamps of the new monarch. With increasing age and resources it is always open to him to work backward and to gather those stamps of the late Queen which lie within his means.—Walter Nathan, in *S. C. Fortnightly.*

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OBJECTS TO TOADYISM.

I have just been reading about the beautifully filled stamp album given to the Duke of York by the Sydney philatelists on the occasion of his highness' recent visit to Australia, and really, I am quite out of patience with them all. To begin with, it was a genuine waste of treasures to bestow so many rarities in a bunch upon one already so well supplied and so well able to supply himself, as is the heir to the British throne, and then to plume themselves over the condescension which accepted the valuable gift rather caps the climax. If such an album was presented to anyone all the credit and thanks would be rightly held to belong to the givers, and why it should be otherwise, just because the recipient happens to belong to British royalty, I confess my Democratic spirit is puzzled to understand.—Miss Swift in *The Adhesive.*

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There is a very strong prejudice against the issues of certain South and Central American Republics and of such countries as Borneo and Labuan, but I am almost inclined to think it is an injustice. Such issues are in reality a blessing in disguise. There can be no doubt that they have attracted more recruits to the ranks of philately, than all the so-called "bona-fide" postage stamps put together, and that is a service which should not be lightly esteemed. Most of the handsome pictorial designs are expensive to produce, and it would be impossible for big countries like Great Britain or the United States to adopt them for their regular issues. A small country like the Tonga Islands or the

Congo Free State, where few stamps are required, can, however, easily afford them, as the profit on the sale of the stamps sold to collectors is not swamped by the loss caused by the increased cost of those used by a large and unappreciative business population. It is to small countries where the legitimate postal demand is small, that we must look for the handsomest stamps.

Every general collector, who does not wish to be accused of ingratitude, should give his support to those countries which take special trouble to make their stamps interesting, and not withdraw it, as is, I am afraid, often the case.—*Ewen Weekly Stamp News.*

A DANGEROUS THIEF.

On Saturday morning, August 3rd, the International Stamp Co. had a visit from a young man about 25 years of age, of good appearance, agreeable manners, and pleasing address, who presented his card and introduced himself as J. H. Walker, representing the Portland Cement Trust of Chicago. He was apparently well acquainted with several leading Chicago collectors and dealers, and asked to look at books of U. S. Stamps, with a view to purchase. He bought a few dollars worth, chatted pleasantly, for a while, and produced a letter addressed to him at the Windsor Hotel here, mailed from Chicago, and written on elaborately got up letter paper, purporting to be from the Chicago Co. enclosing a check for salary for $50, which the writer stated had been certified by the bank upon which it was drawn—the Hibernian Banking Association—in order to facilitate its being cashed in Montreal. The check was apparently certified by J. W. MacGeagh, asst. cashier and had every appearance of being genuine; it was accepted in payment of a further purchase of U. S. and Cuban stamps, and a small difference in cash was paid over to the purchaser. The check was afterwards taken by the Bank of Montreal without hesitation, but when presented to the Chicago bank was refused payment—the certification being a forgery and the company not known. A similar check was passed on the St. Lawrence Hall, Port Hope, where the individual give his name as J. H. Wallace. Mr. MacGeagh writes that several others have been presented at the bank, from different places. It looks as if this was a carefully concocted scheme to defraud stamp dealers and we shall not be surprised to hear of other victims. The individual had a small collection in a Scott Album, and a number of unused 5c. Columbus envelopes, which he offered for sale.

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As soon as he obtains the books and papers from our worthy ex-secretary treasurer, Major Smith, he may be able to write something of more use and interest to the brotherhood.

Meanwhile, he congratulates the members on belonging to so good an association, hopes that new members will pour in; those in arrears see the error of their ways and the treasurer the color of their money, and that you will all join him in spirit in the toast, 'The League of Canadian Philatelists and its ex-sec.-treasurer, Major H. Smith, may they both live long and prosper.

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2c " " 04
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10c " " 15
20c " " 30
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1 a, plum 06
2 a, ultramarine 10
2½ a, green 12

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4d brown and indigo 12
4d orange-brown and blue 12
6d carmine rose 18
6d lake 15
1s bright red..... 35
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1900, *New Type, dated* 1900, *surch. small shield in purple.*
24c grey-black 45
26c brown..... 50
50c rose-red..... 90
1900, *Surch. small shield in black*
1c light green..... 04
2c rose 06
3c grey-black 06
5c blue..... 10
10c blue..... 18
12c green 23
13c brown..... 23
24c grey. 45
26c brown 45
1900, *Surch.* "*Franqueo Of.*," *in oval.*
1c green 04
2c pink..... 06
3c grey-black 06
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10c blue..... 20
12c green 23
13c brown 23
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4 ch. bright green 08

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1898, *Queen's Head.*—1 a, carmine.... 04
2 a, red-brown..... 06
3 a, grey..... 10
4 a, deep-green 12
8 a, pale-olive 23
1 r, ultramarine..... 40
5 r, brown 1 95

VICTORIA.

1900-1, *New colors.*—½d green.. 02
1d carmine.. 04
1½d red on yellow..... 06
2d violet 06
2½d blue. 08
3d red-brown 10
4d ochre 12
5d chocolate 15
6d green 15
9d carmine 23
1sh orange yellow..... 30
2sh blue on pink..... 60
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NEWS OF THE MONTH

After the long list of new issues last month, comparatively few novelties have to be introduced on this occasion to the fraternity. The transfer of the separate postal department of Wurtemburg to the Germany Imperial authorities is again spoken of. Spain's last colony, Fernando Poo, may soon become a German possession, involving necessary changes in its stamps. War between Colombia and Venezuela seems probable, in which Ecuador and Nicaragua seem to be also involved. This probably implies new issues of provisionals of various kinds. The visit, during September, of the Duke of Cornwall to Canada, should arouse our Canadian societies to some activity to obtain an official recognition in the public receptions to be tendered to him, but we hear of no special efforts being made in that direction.

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ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

BARBADOS.—(*Jubilee Stamps to be destroyed*). The colonial postmaster gives notice in the *Official Gazette* that the only values of the Jubilee issue on hand July 1st were the 2½d, 8d and 2s 6d, and that any stock remaining at the end of the current year will be destroyed.

BRITISH GUIANA.—(*2c color changed*). The colors of the 2 cent stamp have been changed to black and red on red paper.

CHILI.—(*50 centavos current type*). We have been shown by Mr. Huguenin, a 50c of the current type in dark brown.

COLOMBIA REPUBLIC. — (*The Tumaco provisionals*). Last month we drew our readers' attention to the unnecessarily large numbers in which these supposed make-shift war stamps were being offered. We learn that the postal official who issued them has been dismissed on account of his little speculation and his stock destroyed by the Prefect.

COREA. — (*Completion of current set*). The series which has been making its appearance piece-meal for some time is at last completed by three high value stamps :—

50 ch. green and pink.
1 wn. grey. blue and red.
2 " mauve and green.

DENMARK.—(*Envelopes in new type*). Two new 4 and 8 ore envelopes have been issued. The old type which was adopted in 1865 has been abandoned, and that of the envelopes of the Danish West Indies takes its place. The colors remain as heretofore, blue for the 4 ore and vermilion for the 8 ore.

FRANCE.—(*Office at Canton*). The French Consul having opened a post office at Canton, China, the stamps of the French colony, Indo-China, have been surcharged in red, CANTON followed by Chinese characters. All the values from 1 c. to 5 frs. are reported by *S. G. Monthly*, with this surcharge.

GREAT BRITAIN. — (*Edward VII. stamps*). It is announced by the *P. J. of G. B.* that, in the approved design of the new 1d. stamps, the head of the King is apportioned more space on the stamp than is that of Queen Victoria in the current issue. As in the present issue the face turns to the left in a frame which is adorned with a wreath of oak leaves on one side and a wreath of laurel leaves on the other. POSTAGE AND REVENUE at top and value at bottom. The color will be purple on pink, almost identical with the current 6d. The date of issue is not yet known. (*6d. official*). As a result of the 6d. grey having been declared obsolete, the current 6d. stamp purple on red has been surcharged ARMY OFFICIAL and I. R. OFFICIAL.

LABUAN.—(*Unpaid letter stamps*). The *Monthly Journal* reports the issue of the current set from 2 c. to 24 c., with the surcharge POSTAGE DUE in black.

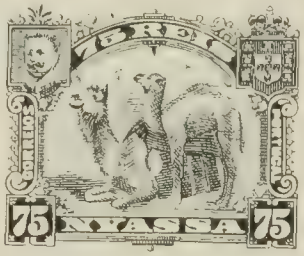
NEW ZEALAND.—(*New 1d. post cards*). The stamp on the 1d. post card has been changed from Scott type A9 to A2 and the

words CARTE POSTALE added to the inscription. The color is now brown on a white card.

GREECE.—(*The new set*). We illustrate the three types of the set listed last

month. All the values in lepta are of the first type, except the 5, 10 and 25 l., which are in the second. The values in drachma are of the third type. The lower values are well printed in attractive colors and have a pleasing appearance, but the 2, 3 and 5 drachma being in metalic ink are most wretched looking blotches, reminding one of the Hamburg locals of former days.

NYASSA.—(*The new set.* We illustrate the two types of the new set of which a list of values and colors was given last month. These stamps are issued by the Nyassa Company under the authority of the Portugese Government. A royal decree dated June 12th, authorized their issue on August 1st. The former surcharged issue were to remain valid for postage for one month, after which up to September 30th they could be exchanged for the new stamps.



SERVIA.—(*5 paras in new type*). It is reported that the new type, as illustrated last month, is to be utilized for all the values of the adhesive set. The 5 paras yellow-green has appeared in that type. Two well known chroniclers of new issues, in Mekeel's Weekly, have been worrying over the recent demonetization of the 1 dinar blue-green, and inventing more or less plausible surmises as to what is to take its place. These gentlemen fail to notice that the stamp has been obsolete and possibly demonetized since 1896, but the remainders have only recently been put upon the market. As pointed out in our June number, the 1 dinar red-brown issued in 1896 is the current stamp of that value.

SEYCELLES.—(*Provisional 3 and 6 cents.*) A correspondent of *Le Collectioneur* announces that owing to a deficiency of the regular 3c stamp, 30,000 of the 36c value were transformed, by means of a surcharge, into 3c stamps. The entire lot was immediately bought up by speculators, and are offered at a high price, while the public still remained short of a 3c stamp. The *S. C. Fortnightly* announces that this deficiency has been supplied by surcharging the 16c stamp 3 CENTS, also that the 8c has been converted into a 6c value by the same process.

SIAM.—(*Letter cards*). This kingdom has inaugurated the use of letter cards, by the issue of a set of four. The type is similar to that of the post cards of 1887, with inscriptions in Siamese and French, The values are 2 atts. carmine, 4 a. blue, 10 a. brown, 12 a. green, all on blue card.

VICTORIA.—(*Amended types of the new issue*). The series of stamps printed from old plates, listed in our April number, has had a short life, all having been withdrawn June 2nd, except the 2½d. and 5d. It seems their exclusive use for postal service was not sufficiently emphasized, so the word POSTAGE has been inserted in the design of each, and thus amended they have been re-issued in the colors given in our April list. As the 1d. carmine as noted in May had this amended inscription when first issued, so the new stamps comprise the 1½d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 9d, 1s, 2s. and 5s.

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SPECULATIVE STAMPS AND COUNTERFEITS.

(The stamps described under this heading, we would advise collectors to avoid, as manufactured either by official authority or by private individuals for their own gain at the expense of philatelists.)

BRAZIL.—(*Counterfeits of the 1894 issue*). The *Am. J. of Ph.* reports dangerous counterfeits of the current 300 and 500 reis which appear to have been made to defraud the government, as they are found on envelopes that have passed through the post. Various points are noted by which they can be distinguished from the genuine stamps, but "the most distinctive mark is found in the spray of laurel leaves on the head of Liberty. On the original stamps only a small piece of the stem, between the leaves, can be seen, and the bases of the leaves are usually lost in shadow. On the counterfeits the entire outline of each leaf can be seen, and the

stem is strongly defined and extends below the lower pair of the leaves."

INDIA.—(*Forged C. E. F. surcharges*). A correspondent of the *P. J. of India* reports large numbers of forged surcharges of the C. E. F. stamps. The type is far smaller than in the genuine surcharges, and should not deceive any but unobservant collectors.

SWITZERLAND.—(*Forgeries of old issues*). The *S. C. Fortnightly* illustrates used and unused specimens of imitations of the 1849 50 4c. and 5c. Poste Locale. Old Swiss stamps have always been favorites with the counterfeiters; in fact, one of these rascals, Mercier by name, advertises regularly in some of the less reputable French papers, the number of gold medals he has obtained for the perfection of his imitations. He issues a price list wherein quotations are given for his gems, and he charges three times the ordinary price when the counterfeit stamp is on an imitation letter of the period, with forged dated cancellation. The *Fortnightly* concludes:—

"The forgeries we illustrate are undoubtedly dangerous ones, in that they are well calculated to deceive the collector of limited experience of these old Swiss stamps. To show exactly wherein the imitations differ from the genuine stamps is not altogether practicable and, for obvious reasons, not altogether desirable. Suffice it to repeat our warning that old European stamps of all sorts and descriptions are to be bought with infinite caution, and only from persons who have a reputation at stake.

"Unfortunately, it is not only the very rare stamps that one has to look upon with suspicion. 'Little fishes are sweet,' thinks the stamp forger, who very well knows that an imitation of a fairly common stamp will frequently pass muster for the simple reason that it is thought too common to be 'worth the forger's while' to imitate it."

AUSTRALIAN STAMP SCENES.

THE EMU.

By A. Lloyd Jones.

The pictures on the stamps of New South Wales have always attracted the attention of collectors, and that on the common 2d. stamp is by no means the one which has aroused the least curiosity. The bird pictured on this stamp is usually considered an ostrich, but although it closely resembles an ostrich, it is a bird found only in Australia, known to naturalists as the Emu.

The name Emu, also spelled "emea" and "emeu," is evidently derived from the Portuguese word for ostrich, "ema" and has in turn been applied to different birds of like appearance till it has now finally settled upon that one which inhabits Australia, though until less than a century ago, it was given by most authors to the bird now commonly called the cassowary.

The Emu nearly equals the ostrich in bulk, its height being between five and six feet. The legs of this bird are short and stouter in proportion than those of the ostrich. Its feathers lie loosely on the body and the wings are so small that when close against the body they can hardly be distinguished from the general plumage. Its color is a dull brown mottled with dingy gray. The young are striped with black. The voice of the emu is a curious, hollow, booming or drumming sound produced by the peculiar construction of the windpipe. A remarkable structure in this species is a singular opening in front of the windpipe, communicating with a tracheal pouch. Various conjectures have been made as to its function, the most probable of which seems to be that it it is an organ of sound in the breeding season, at which time it has been known to utter a remarkably loud booming sound.

In its manners the emu bears a close resemblance to the ostrich. However it is the only Ratite bird that takes naturally to water. Its food consists of fruits, roots and herbage. Although of great strength it is shy and peaceful, and unless hard pressed, trusts to its speed for safety, for the length of its legs and muscularity of its thighs enables it to run with such swiftness that it is not easily overtaken or brought within gunshot. The skin of a single emu contains six or seven quarts of a bright and clear oil, on which account it is eagerly sought after. The Emu is said to afford excellent coursing, but dogs will seldom attack it, both on account of some peculiar odor in its flesh which they dislike, and because the injuries inflicted upon them by striking out with its feet are very severe. The settlers even assert that the Emu will break the small bone of a man's leg by this sort of a kick, to avoid which, the well-trained dogs run up abreast, and make a sudden spring at its neck, whereby it is quickly dispatched. When the natives take an emu they break its wings, a curious custom of no perceptible utility. Its flesh has been compared to coarse beef, which it resembles in both appearance and taste. There is but little fit for culinary use upon any part of the Emu except the hind quarters. The male performs the principal part of the incubation. The eggs are six or seven in number, of a dark green color, and are much esteemed by the natives as food.

The Emu was found to inhabit the plains and open forest country of Australia immediately after the colonization of New South Wales in 1788. It was very common in former days, but it has been so hunted down that not an example remains at large in the districts that have been fully settled. Indeed its decrease has been so alarmingly rapid that Dr. Bennett, who has had much personal experience with this fine bird, fears ere many years the Emu will be numbered with the Dido, the great Auk, the Nestor, and other extinct species.

EDITORIAL.

BUSINESS METHODS OF STAMP DEALERS.

We know of no business enterprise anywhere in which mutual confidence, between buyer and seller, enters so largely into transactions of a commercial nature as in the stamp trade. Features that would, in other commercial transactions be considered as most unheard of—most unbusiness like—are of daily occurence amongst stamp dealers. Stamps valued at thousands of dollars are constantly entrusted on approval to prospective buyers, on a bare introduction generally, with no security whatever for their return or payment. Many stamp dealers are engaged in other lines of business, and there are accustomed to adopt the ordinary precau tions and rules of credit of shrewd business men, but these are all discarded when it comes to deal with a philatelic customer. Whether this arises from the fact that the customer expects it, or that it is a usage of the trade is immaterial—the usage is in vogue and the dealer who would adopt strict business methods would probably soon find his clientelle diminishing. So long as this confidence, which the *Australian J. of Ph.* calls "the connecting link in the chain of philatelic procedure," is not abused, it no doubt is a great assistance to business. Many a philatelist is tempted to buy a rare, long sought specimen when he sees it in all its beauty in an approval selection, who would hesitate to remit cash with order for the same stamp. Knowing this few dealers would care to see the approval system abolished. But this mutual confidence is the parent of a downright carelessness that does not exist in any other business. A stamp is a small article easily purloined by the sneak thief while turning over the pages of a stock book, still how often are valuable collections handed over for examination in the stamp shops to complete strangers. As long as stamps were comparatively cheap, they received no attention from that section of the community which lives on the proceeds of theft, but of late these birds of prey have given some unpleasant study to philately. The recent robberies at the Paris and Buffalo exhibitions are evidence of the fact. The recent exploits of the young man who swindled a Montreal dealer, who travelled on his swindling tour as far east as Halifax, and who has just been arrested in Omaha, Neb., who had a plausible story to tell, and who was equipped with all the accessories necessary to back up his story, are evidence that the educated crook has turned his undesirable attention to the stamp trade. To guard against such depredations, only ordinary business prudence is required, dealers need only be more watchful and less confiding, and collectors, who are business men themselves, should not take it amiss, if the guarantees they would require in their own transactions, are more strictly demanded, hereafter, by the stamp merchant.

We notice the *Philatelic Record* considers that the stamp thief runs much risk in disposing of his spoils. This is a mistake, it would probably be true, did he attempt to dispose of them in bulk, but the educated crook is much too cunning for that, he can sell a rare stamp here and there, to different dealers and in different cities, without exciting the least suspicion, unless he happens to have obtained some stamp of such extreme rarity, or of such marked characteristics as to be at once recognizable. Indeed it is possibly the fact of the ease with which the stolen property can be disposed of, that may have attracted the crooks to Philately. A stamp dealer's protective society which would undertake the costs and risk of prosecuting cases of fraud upon its members, would be of benefit to the trade, but after all only eternal vigilance is the price of safety.

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THE CANADIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The new Constitution of the L. of C. P. having been accepted by the members is now in force. Its first clause changes the name to one of a more national character, and as it now comprises amongst its members nearly all stamp collectors of prominence in Canada, nothing that can indicate that it is Canada's national society should be wanting. Let the old members, who have made this Society what it is, bestir themselves, one new member to be introduced by each old one is what President Hall has asked for. See that this modest request is complied with.

The Canadian Philatelic Society.

Organized September, 1898, as the League of Canadian Philatelists.

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Official Organ—The Montreal Philatelist.

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Secretary's Report,

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

215. H. F. Leonard, Brantford, Ont., city clerk. Ref., W. K. Hall, C. H. Fowle.

216. Rev. Montague G. Poole, Cobden, Ont., clergyman. Ref., Rev. Canon Mountain, F. W. Wurtele.

217. C. P. Suttou, surveyor, Box 358 St. John, New Brunswick. Ref., Frank W. Pitt, George E. Waddell.

218. D. Eberts MacIntyre, 131 Stanley St., Montreal, clerk. Ref., Hugh Millar, W. W. Brewis.

The Secy.-Treas. has nothing of particular interest to impart this month. Members are requested to pay up their annual dues which are due now as the year begins July 1st, under the new ruling, and thus save the society the expense of postage on a hundred or more letters asking for annual dues. Having run completely out of membership cards and application blanks the secretary has had to order a new supply and the cash in the treasury is at rather a low water mark.

By the new rules adopted at the late convention (as the Sec.-Treas. understands it) memberships run out July 1st and not Oct. 1st. This has been done to enable members to obtain complete current volumes of the official organ, which date from July 1st, without extra charge for back numbers. It also lessens the bookkeeping work of the secretary-treasurer by abolishing fractions of a year, which were a source of mistakes and misunderstandings.

Although some old members will thereby pay about eight cents twice for the three months between July 1st and Oct. 1st, the welfare of the society as well as the state of the treasury calls for this trifling sacrifice on the part of our loyal members.

Therefore, brother philatelists, the Sec.-Treas. looks to you for an avalanche of quarters very soon. Thanking you in advance for what is coming to the society, he is yours,

C. H. FOWLE,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Medford, Mass., Sept. 1, 1901.

The Secretary would hereby announce that no objections have been received to the new constitution which includes change of name &c., and he has notified President Hall to that effect.

C. H. FOWLE.
Secretary-Treasurer.

Sept. 9th, 1901.

New Carlisle, Aug. 24th, 1901

FELLOW MEMBERS I. OF C.P.

This being my first occasion of addressing you, I shall take the opportunity now of thanking you for having elected me to the office of Auction Manager, which office I trust I may fill to your satisfaction.

What I would most earnestly ask of all members is, that they would patronize this department as liberally as possible. I have this month received a few lots which I now put on sale and trust all members will bid liberally.

All stamps sent me for this department should reach me by the 1st of each month, all bids should be in by 5th of following month. Note rules in M. P., Vol. 2, No. 14. Fraternally yours

G. P. LEGRAND, Auct. Mgr.

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All stamps guaranteed in fine condition. Successful bidders notified.

Lot.	Reserve.
1—1 book principally B. Colonies mostly unused, 49 all diff., also a few pairs and blocks, etc., cat. over $5.00	$1.50
2—3 Nova Scotia 5c. blue, used, cat. 35c each	
3—10 Canada 5c. Beaver, used	
4—5 Canada 59 1c. pink, used	
5—100 Canada 98 5c blue numerals.	
6—5 Canada 98 10c. numerals	
7—200 Canada 97 1c.-4 leaves	
8—200 Canada 98 5c. numerals	
9—1 sett unused Jubilee s ½ 50c. inc.	1.50
10—300 98 2c. numeral purple	

Bid liberally.

SOCIETY HAND-BOOK.

All societies of importance issue a handbook. It is my intention to get out such a book, containing the new Constitution, the rules of the different departments and the names of the members. If enough advertising can be secured to cover expenses the hand-book will be sent free to all members, but I would request members who would like to have such a book, when remitting their dues to Mr. Fowle this month, to also include 10c. extra as guarantee fund to help pay the cost of issuing this work. For this they will be entitled to at least two copies, but should enough be made from advertising the 10c. will be returned. The book will be sold to non-members at the low rate of 10c. Advertising, 25c. an inch; 1000 or more will be printed. W. JAMES WURTELE.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICES.

Do not fail to look over the ads this month. Many bargains are offered. Don't forget to remit promptly if there is an account enclosed in your paper. I require your 25c to pay my bills.

"THE MONTREAL PHILATELIST is without doubt the best stamp journal published in Canada," this is what someone said when he sent his renewal a few days ago. If anyone knows he ought to, as the person has been collecting stamps for over 25 years.

The Scott Stamp & Coin Co., expect to publish their catalogue in November. You require this book, send in your order to me. Sixty-four cents, post and duty free. If you wish to extend your subscription add six cents more.

United States Collectors. your catalogue will cost you *58 cents* if ordered in your country, send me *60 cents*, and your subscription will be renewed or extended *one year* and the catalogue will be sent you *post* ond *duty* free.

A large number of new advertisers appear this month, patronize them liberally. Dealers who advertise in the M. P. will always treat you right. They are the elite of the stamp trade.

WANTS AND OFFERS.

A 30 word advertisement is inserted three times free, for each full annual subscription received, new or renewal. If a change is wanted after the first insertion, it must be paid for at usual rates. Regular rates are ½c. per word. Nothing less than 15c. taken. Three insertions for the price of two.

SPECIAL OFFER.

100	words	(to be used	within	12 months)	45
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Contracts made at these reduced rates for this column are payable strictly in advance.

WANTED—The following back numbers of this paper, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Will pay cash or give good stamps for clean copies. W. JAS. WURTELE, 126 St. James Street, Montreal.

For Sale, back numbers of this paper, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 22, 24, 26, 27, 29, out of print; Nos. 6, 7, 25c each; 17, 19, 28, 15c each; Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18 20, 21, 25, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 10c each; Vol II., complete, 60c; Vol. III., complete, $1.00. Address, THE PUBLISHER.

H. RUDD, OUDTSHOORN, Cape Colony, desires exchange with collectors in the following countries only, Cook Islands, Falkland Islands, United States, Colonies, British West Indies, Hayti, Indian Native States, Straits Settlements, and Australian Colonies. In exchange I offer unused Cape, Natal, V.R.I., O.R.C., and other British Africans. No common stamps wanted.—Basis KINGS.

Exchange Notice. I desire to exchange stamps with collectors in all countries. I send in exchange, Canada and United States. Also Australian Colonies if desired. HAROLD M. PERRY, Woodstock, Ontario, Canada. s3-3-5.

OFFICIAL CRESTS of British Army, embossed, beautiful colours, relief, all different. 90, 1s. 6d.; 288, 4s. 3d.; 624, 8s. 3d.; postage extra. THOMAS GREAVES, Craignook, Handen Road, Lee. Kent, England. p6-10-3

Have large variety Belgium, Congo, Zululand, Swaziland, Japan, etc., for rare and medium stamps and entires. Basis, Senf, Belin, Yvert. Common stamps refused. I never send first. Wanted Philatelic Journals. Madame L. HOORNAERT, Regencie Street 6, St. Nicholas Waes, Belgium. p6-10-3

WANTED to complete our files, a few clean copies of the Montreal Philatelist, Nos. 22, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29. Address, THE PUBLISHER.

WANTED. Tonga Stamps, especially picture set, highest price given. Cash or exchange. J. T. BOLTON, 5 Elmwood Road, Croydon, London, England. 6-10-3.

EXCHANGE. All stamps against want list and by sheet. [No very common.] Fairly common, 2c. to 12c., only by 50-50%. J. T. BOLTON, 5 Elmwood Road, Croydon, London, England. 6 10-3

WANTED.—The provisional Canadian 1 in blue on ¼ of 3c. and 2 in violet on 2-3 of 3c. Highest price given. J. T. BOLTON, 5 Elmwood Road, Croydon London England. 6-10-3.

Desire to exchange medium-priced stamps with collectors everywhere. Canada, Newfoundland and United States preferred. Send sheets and receive mine. MARTIN H. BITTL, 144 North 6th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. s3-1-3

British Colonial Stamps and Canadian obsolete issues wanted in exchange for Netherlands, Dutch Indies, and Jamaica. F. C. Orr, 524 Marie Anne Street, Montreal. s3-1-3

Wanted, ANY British North American Stamps, except 1c. and 2c. current. Will pay cash or give good exchange in rare foreign stamps. ALFRED BOULTBEE, 563 Church Street, Toronto, Canada. s3-1-3

Packet of 25 different stamps, including New Brunswick and Newfoundland (old), for 10c. silver and 2c. stamp. Beginners, send for my approval sheets at 50 per cent. off. Reference. J. H. COWIE, Box 85, Moncton, N.B., Canada. s3-1-3

Whoever sends me 30-35 different stamps from his country receives 30-35 different stamps from Sweden. Address, HERMANN STEPPEN, Kockmus. Werkstad. Malmo, Sweden. s3-1-3.

Two Cameras to exchange for best offer in stamps or will sell for cash. 4 x 5 Premo B. Darlot lens, 4 plate holders and roll holder, cost $30 in 1898; 5 x 7 Folding Hawkeye, cost $40 in 1893. Dr. C. H. GARDNER, Port Townsend, Wash. s3-2-4

For foreign revenue and postage stamps, I will send three times the amount in U. S. JOE RICH, 511 South Market St., Nashville, Tenn. s3-2-4

Indian arrow points exchanged for good stamps, send sheets and I will send a perfect arrow point for every 10 cents worth that I keep. E. A. BAILEY, Marietta, Georgia. s3-2-4

THEODOR C. MANN, 1416 Hickory St., St. Louis, Mo., exchanges stamp, coin and curio duplicates. s3-2-4

WANTED foreign and Pan-American in sets, for Canadian. I want Can. 6c and 5c jub. 10c 97 and 6c 98. 50 Blue for good exchange. 200 variety 20c post paid. OVILA ROY, Glen Robertson, Ont., Can. s3-2-4

I wish to exchange stamps with all collectors. Rare for rare. No rubbish. A. C. T. WINKELMANN, Whirinaki, Hokianga, New Zealand. s3-2-4

Medium grade stamps for sale at 50 per cent. discount. Send reference. Stamped Bank Checks, used, to exchange at 10c a dozen for stamps from sheets. S. L. FUTER, 431 N. 41st St., Phila, Pa. s3-2-4

WANTED wholesale lots of good stamps. If you have any s nd them to me with lowest cash price, and, if satisfactory, I will remit by return mail. E. M. ATMORE, Owen Sound, Ont. s3-2-4

Will exchange Postal Telegraph frank stamps for medium grade stamps any couutry. Stock limited. A. L. EDGECOMB, 453 Cumberland St., Portland, Me., U. S. A. s3-2-4

Albums, 10c. to $1.50; Newfoundland, Canadian, American, to exchange for Canadian, African, V.R.I., Oceania, Pan-American, high value U.S.; 1000 Diamond Hinges, 10c. THOMAS, Ottawa Street, Toronto. Can. s3-2-4

DR. FLUHMANN, of Roberval, P.Q., has a lot of Canada 1892-93 used 50c. for sale. First-class copies only 12c.; fair, 10c.; heavily cancelled, 8c.; postage extra. s3-2-4

Will pay for perfect Buffalo stamps, 1c. $1.00; 2c., 50c. per 1,000; 4c., $1.10; 5c., $1.50; 8c. $2.00; 10c., $1 50 per 100. JOHN C. MORGAN, Box 145, New Kensington, West'l'd Co., Pa. s3-2-4

CHILI! JOSEPH M. GARRIGO. P. O. Box 2156, Santiago. Send 100,1,000 well assorted stamps from British Colonies, and you will receive same quantity from Chili. s3-2-4

BOLIVIA and Argentine. Paulino M. Gillette' Calle Cordoba 547, Tucuman (Argentine). I send good stamps of Argentine and Bolivia for good stamps of North America letters registered,—English, French and Spanish. s3-2-4

I wish to exchange Russia stamps (common or rare) with collectors in all parts of the world. MICHEL M. SARAZIN, Grande Fontaine, Odessa, Russia. s3-3-5.

Exchange desired in good stamps with collectors all over the world. For all official post cards sent me (except of Europe) I will send view cards or good stamps in exchange. Always answer. W. A. TOP, Rotterdam, Holland. p1.

JOAO SILVA—Rio Grande, Sul, S. Leopoldo, Brazil, wishes to exchange for Canada stamps. s3-3-5.

FRANK W. PITT, Reed's Point, New Brunswick, Canada, desires exchange with collectors in all foreign countries. Will give stamps of Canada, Newfoundland, U. S. A. Basis, Scott's or Gibbons latest catalogues. s3-3-5.

POST CARD COLLECTORS. I will give 100 varieties of used and unused post cards for $1.00. The first, fifth and tenth will get a rare card catalogued $1.00 free. JOHN A. SADLEIR, 132 Mecklenburg St., St. John, N.B. s3-3-5.

I desire to exchange with collectors all over the world. Stamps, post cards, envelopes and wrappers, also illustrated post cards. I send same quantity and value to all those who will send any of the above, from their country. LOUIS SEGUIN, 15 Grand Place, St. Quentin (Aisne), France. p3-5.

PORTUGAL. I am a collector of postage stamps and possess a good stock of duplicates of Portugal and Colonies, having many rarities. I wish to exchange them for good foreign postage stamps on approval sheets. Whoever sends me 250-500 postage stamps of his country, not too common, will receive the same number and value of Portugal and Colonies. Basis, any catalogue of 1901. Good references. L. MARQUES DOS SANTOS, Bomjardim 436, Porto, Portugal. 3-1.

SPAIN. Whoever sends me 50-100 different postage stamps of his own country, will receive in exchange the same number and value of Spain and Colonies. E. REIG, Nave 25, Valence, Spain. 3-1

SYRIA. I exchange postage stamps in quantity and from approval sheets, accepting those of all countries, but prefer old European, North and South America, Africa, Colonials, Indian States, and West Indies. I offer Turkey, Egypt, Persia, and Levant. I do not send first. ANTOINE RODRIGUEZ, Railroad Central Office, Beyrouth, Syria. 3-1.

TURKEY. I want Colonials, English, French, Spanish, or Portugese—good postage stamps from America, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Asia, Africa. In exchange I offer many varieties of Oriental stamps at advantageous terms. Good references. IOMTOV S. BERAHA, Bikur Holim, (Salonica) Turkey. 3-1.

URUGUAY. I want opproval sheets of postage stamps, priced on basis of Senf or Yvert and Tellier 1901. I send stamps of Uruguay and can furnish nearly all varieties. Good references given on demand. Perfect specimens only. I send first only on receipt of references. Immediate answers. TEODORO BUXAREO, Villa Leo. Ave. Hopital Suburbain, Montpelier, France. 3-1.

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A two or three-line ad. in the Directory, once 20c., three times, 50c. Extra lines, 10c. each. Payable in advanee.

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NEWS OF THE MONTH

Since our last number went to press the world has been shocked by the cowardly assassination of William McKinley, the far-seeing statesman, the sincere patriot, who will rank in history as one of the great presidents of the United States. The daily and periodical press of the country has fully recounted, during the past month, the prominent events in McKinley's career. How those events touch Philately will be recorded in the albums of the stamp collector, ever the index of all important facts of history. The Spanish war of 1898, and its prompt and successful termination, the foundation and development of the United States colonial empire, the independence of Cuba, the annexation of Hawaii, Guam, the Philippines and Porto Rico, all so prominently marked in Philately, will always be associated with McKinley, under whose administration they occurred and whose portrait will shortly be depicted on a U.S. postage stamp.

Our budget of news this month, in regard to stamps, contains no issue from the great nations, but it is nevertheless interesting. The Bahamas pictorial, we are the first to announce, it has come quite unexpectedly, that, a pictorial issue from the South Pacific and a new surcharge from South Africa are the most important items. The visit of the Duke of Cornwall and York to Canada does not seem to have had any philatelic features; our prominent collectors and societies have certainly been remiss in not taking advantage of the Royal visitor's presence to boom Philately, as was done in all other countries on his trip. Canadian collectors, however, are sadly lacking in a co-operative national spirit, and this is clearly reflected in the state of our societies, our press and our stamp trade. This is a topic we shall shortly touch upon editorially.

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ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

AMAZONIA.—(*A set of locals*). In the June number of the *M.J.*, there was illustrated and described a set of stamps for this country about which, information was requested. In the centre of the stamps word AMAZONIE surmounted by a star, below appears the sea with two small ships, on each side are Indian warriors and tropical foliage, at foot the word POSTE. The set consists of 25c vermilion, 50c orange, 1 fr. blue, 5 fr. mauve, printed on tinted paper like the stamps of France, perf. 11½. A doubt is expressed as to their *bona fide* postal character. A Havre correspondent of *Le Philateliste Francais*, furnishes the following information :—The stamps were made for the Carswene Ry. Co. for the use of the gold miners along the banks of the river Carswene and its tributaries. They prepaid correspondence by rail to Para, and from there by sea to Cayenne, where stamps of French Guiana were affixed to carry it to its final destination. The ownership of the territory where the stamps were used was claimed by France and Brazil, but arbitration last year has given the greater part to Brazil, and as soon as a regular postal service is organized, Brazilian stamps only will be used. The Carswene Ry. has applied to the Brazilian Government for permission to continue the postal service it has installed, but using Brazilian stamps instead of its own.

BAHAMAS.—(*1d. pictorial*). Mr. N. Huguenin has kindly furnished us with a specimen of a new and unexpected pictorial 1d. of similar appearance to the 1d. Jamaica. The central view, printed in black, represents a famous local scene known as the "Queen's Staircase," the frame is in carmine red. The stamp is the same size as the Jamaica 1d., but is an upright rectangle instead of oblong, and is watermarked C.C. and crown.

BRAZIL.—(*10r. unpaid letter stamp.*) Another value of the current type of unpaid letter stamps has been issued 10 reis, blue.

BRITISH GUIANA.—(*48c. in new colors*). The 48c. stamp of the current type has just appeared printed in black, with the words POSTAGE AND REVENUE, and the value in mauve. The 96c. stamp is also to be issued shortly in new colors

BRITISH NEW GUIANA. —(*Pictorial stamps and cards*). A set of seven stamps and two post cards for this country was first noticed in the Queensland exhibit at the Glasgow Exposition. The stamps are all of the same design, the centre printed in black, depicts a native sailing vessel or canoe in a colored frame containing the inscriptions, and figures of value. The stamps are oblong, 1½ by 1 inch in size; watermark, a Maltese Cross, perf. 14, a post office was established at Port Moresby, by the Queensland authorities some time ago, as noted in our July, 1900, number, but Australian Federation has not included this country, so a separate set of stamps has been considered necessary. The following are the values and colors of the frames :—

½d green	4d brown
1d carmine	6d green
2d mauve	1s vermilion
2½d blue	

Post cards 1d vermilion and 1½d blue, with stamps of the same design.

BULGARIA.—(*The reported new set*). In August we mentioned the report of an English journal that a new set had actually appeared, the report was not correct, but we learn that a set with portrait of Prince Ferdinand is ready and will come into use October 15th. Further details next month.

CANADA.—(*The so-called re-engraved stamps.*) Several of our contemporaries have drawn attention to what they call "re engraved stamps" of the current issue, the ½, 1 and 2 cents being described as a trifle shorter and wider than usual.

We have examined a large number of these stamps and find that the design of the majority measures 21½ by 18 M.M., but have found some measuring 21 by 18 M.M. and 21½ by 17½ M.M., that is, a proportion of stamps come with the design either ½ M.M. shorter or narrower than the normal size, never both shorter and narrower. We submitted specimens to the American Bank Note Co., the printers of the stamps, and they inform us that there has been no re-engraving, but that the slight deviation of size is due to shrinkage of the paper. Another expert states that the stamps are diminished only one way because paper shrinks only in one direction. He also states that a greater shrinkage will occur in a sheet of paper on the top of a printed pile, because it dries quicker than a sheet at the bottom, where shrinkage would be barely perceptible.

CANTON.—(*15c. grey*). In the sets first issued of the new French office at Canton, listed last month, the 15c. stamp was surcharged on the old blue Indo-China stamp, but shortly after the current 15c. grey made its appearance with the surcharge.

COLOMBIA REPUBLIC.—(*Cartagena provisionals*). From Mr. M. D. Senior of New York we have received specimens of provisional 1 and 2 centavos. The stamps are very poorly printed in black ink, the 1c. on white and the 2c. on deep rose paper, and roughly perforated. The stamps are surcharged in violet by means of a hand-stamp, with a double lined oblong frame 85 M.M. long by 13½ M.M. wide, containing the letter "S" repeated fifteen times. One printing of this hand-stamp extends over five stamps; the three middle ones show the top and bottom double lines, while the two end stamps show the top, bottom and side lines. There is also a variety of the surcharge with three horizontal lines at the bottom. These stamps were supplied by a local contractor for $2,400 Colombia currency, for 2,000 sheets of 100 of each denomination, which is 40 per cent. of their face value. What these provisionals were specially required for we have not been able to ascertain, but as large quantities are already in stamp dealers' hands, it is quite possible they may be primarily intended to raise funds for the war from stamp collectors.

GERMANY.—(*Reported change of type*). It is reported that dies are now in preparation for a new design for the stamps from 2 to 80 pf. similar to that of the current issue, but with the head of Germania smaller.

GREAT BRITAIN. — (*King's head's stamps*). Following the announcement of the approval of the 1d. stamp last month, comes the news that the ½d. of similar design has also been approved, and that printing has already commenced.

HONG KONG.—(*4c in new color*). The color of the 4c has been changed to the U. P.U. shade—carmine rose.

JAMAICA.—(*1d pictorial in two colors*). The change of color announced in our August number has been effected, the pictorial 1d being now issued in two colors, red and black. We have to thank Mr. N. Huguenin for specimens.

NETHERLANDS.—(*Change of color*). The 3c. stamp of current type has been changed in color from orange to green.

PHILIPPINES.—(*Provisional $1, $2 and $5*). Contrary to the postal arrangements of all the other United States colonies, the Philippines are to continue to use surcharged stamps. A recent supply sent from Washington comprises 1,000 $1.00, 1,000 $2.00 and 500 $5.00 values which had not been previously used in the colony.

TRANSVAAL.—(*½d. E.R.I. on 2d.*). The ½d. green E.R.I. listed in our August number has been sold out and the 2d. value converted into a ½d. stamp. Mr. Geo. Chipp, of Port Elizabeth, sends us the following interesting letter dated August 16th. "About the E.R.I's the 1d. value "was the first to receive this over-print "early in April and is still current, the ½d. "green, however, was not surcharged "E.R.I. until the beginning of this month "(August) and was sold out within a few "days of issue, whether bought up by "speculators, or owing to the supply "being very small, I am at present unable "to say, certain it is that an immediate "need was created for a stamp of this "value, which was met by overprinting "the 2d. value with E.R.I. and surcharg-"ing it with HALF PENNY in black."

UNITED STATES.—(*A McKinley mourning stamp contemplated*). The U.S. cabinet has under consideration a proposition to issue the current 2c stamp with a black border around the head of Washington as a mourning commemoration of the late president. It is also proposed to issue a specially designed stamp in black with a portrait of Mr. McKinley. The question is yet undecided; a precedent for the issue of such a stamp can be found in the issue in 1866 of the black 15c head of Lincoln. As we go to press we hear it has been decided to represent McKinley on a new issue of postcards, to appear about December 1st.

VICTORIA. — (*Commemorative postcards*). In our February number we briefly mentioned the 1d. card issued in five different colors, commemorative of the Commonwealth. We have since received these cards; the stamp is of the current type of adhesive (Scott A. 26) with the word POSTAGE and they are printed in brown, red, blue, grey black and green.

ZANZIBAR.—(*1 and 4½a. colors changed.*) *Le Collectionneur* reports the 1 anna in carmine instead of blue and the 4½ annas in blue instead of orange, also an envelope of 1 anna red of the same type as the adhesive stamps.

THE QUEEN'S STAIRCASE.

In regard to the scene depicted on the new Bahamas 1d stamp, Mr. J. S. Snasdell, who has resided on the Islands, has kindly given us the following information:

The centre picture represents a very beautiful and somewhat mysterious curiosity in the vicinity of Nassau, the capital of New Providence, the chief of the Bahama Islands. It is a great passage-way cut through the solid coral rock. The cut is about ⅛ mile long, 40 feet wide and about 70 feet in depth; at the end is what is called the Queen's Staircase, (cut in the rock) which leads to Fort Fincastle, built about 150 years ago on the high land just above the stairway.

The exact object of this cutting is not known, but it is presumed it was to allow the soldiers to pass to and from the harbor and fort without observation.

SPECULATIVE STAMPS AND COUNTERFEITS.

(The stamps described under this heading, we would advise collectors to avoid, as manufactured either by official authority or by private individuals for their own gain at the expense of philatelists.)

PORTO RICO.—(*Counterfeits of the 1893 Commemoratives*). A considerable number of imitations of these commemorative stamps are in circulation; the engraving is defective in many respects, and the letters of the inscription at bottom CENTAVOS DE PESO are too large, measuring 2 M.M. in height instead of 1½ M.M. The genuine stamps are perforated 12, the forgeries 11½.

UNITED STATES.—(*Forgery of the 1855-60 90c.*) Mr. C. E. Severn describes in *Mekeel's Weekly* an engraved counterfeit of the rare first issued U. S. 90c., which comes from Italy. The perforation of the forgery is 12 instead of the genuine gauge 16. The eyes on the counterfeit are weak and poorly defined, and no tuft of hair is seen at the right of the head. The lettering is defective and there are other minor differences. Being engraved, this counterfeit is more dangerous than the well-known lithographic imitation of the same stamp.

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SOUTH AFRICAN STAMP NOTES.

By H. Rudd, Cape Town.

From a letter which appeared in one of the local papers, I learn that some of the Transvaal V.R.I. surcharges, fell into the hands of the Boers, who deleted the V.R.I. and then used the stamps for their own correspondence. The writer, who is in the Johannesburg Mounted Rifles, gathered this information from a wounded Boer P.O. Official, who gave him some of the stamps, and states very few are obtainable on the original envelopes. He offers to identify any submitted to him for inspection.

ONE OF THE PRIVILEGES OF PHILATELY.

Shortly before the Duke of York's arrival, several local Philatelists were asked by a prominent official to send him any good South African stamps they could spare for presentation to the Duke. An acquaintance of mine, doing this, received, shortly before the Duke's departure, a photo signed by H. R. H. and a letter of thanks for his contribution.

EDITORIAL.

STANLEY GIBBONS' CATALOGUE.

The Gibbons' priced Catalogue of stamps of the British Empire has just come to hand. It, like former editions, does not claim to be a "standard," but merely a dealer's catalogue of what is on sale at the time of going to press. Still the business of this firm is so extensive, and they possess such unequalled facilities of renewing their stock, that their quotations can be safely accepted as reflecting the real standard prices of most British and Colonial stamps at least. The Scott Catalogue claims to be a "standard" of prices, more than a mere trade price list, yet the publishers invariably wait for the arrival of Gibbons, before the American work goes to press.

We extract from the publisher's introduction:—"No very drastic alterations have taken place. For a few countries the lists have been entirely rewritten—amongst these are Griqualand and Madagascar; in others, the later issues *only* have been revised—these include New South Wales and New Zealand; while Bechuanaland has been correctly divided into separate sets, under 'British Bechuanaland' and 'Bechuanaland Protectorate' respectively. The most prominent alteration is the inclusion in Part I of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony, these now having become parts of the British Empire." Attention is drawn to the death of Queen Victoria and the consequent increased demand for "Queen's Heads" stamps. Australian Federation is another factor given to explain the considerable rise in value of very many Colonial stamps.

We have not had time to make an attentive examination of prices with former editions, but notice several Canadian stamps which are priced decidedly low. The 1859 12½c. green at 1s. 6d. as compared with the 10c. purple of the same issue at 1s. 9d. does not reflect the relative value of the stamps. The former is probably commoner in England than here, as it was used for the English mail, but the 10c. was issued in much larger quantities, and was used very extensively for letters to the U.S. and for domestic letters over ½ ounce in weight. Dealers here are often offered the 10c. in lots of several hundreds, while the 12½c. comes into the stamp shops one or two at a time. The 12½c. blue of 1868 at 1s. is less than half the value of the stamp as compared with the 1c red at 1s. 3d., or the 1c. orange at 1s. 9d. to 2s. The 1c. stamp was used for drop letters and for printed matter in enormous quantities, while the use of the 12½c. was limited to the English mail letters for a year or two after issue. Some time ago a friend of ours made a tour of the dealers' shops in New York in search of 1868 Canada and succeeded in buying several thousand 1c. red and 1c. orange at half catalogue and less, while he only obtained about 20 to 30 12½c. blue at full catalogue price. In England, where the 12½c would be commonest, it is not quoted in any wholesale list, and we know of many applications that have gone over to English dealers for the stamp in fair quantities, never with any considerable success. In Montreal this stamp retails easily at 40c., while 15c. to 20c. is considered a good price for the 1c. Another Canada stamp that is priced too low is the 1898 6c. (numerals) at 6d. new, 4d. used. It is a much rarer stamp than the 1897 6c. (4 leaves) priced at 1s. new, 6d. used. The latter could be bought in nearly all post offices up to quite recently, while the former has been practically unobtainable since January, 1899. However, if the Gibbons' firm chooses to sell at the low prices asked for the stamps we have mentioned, collectors will not complain, but we would advise early purchases if they wish to secure them before an advance to their real value. In former days, when the Scott Catalogue was a selling price list, before it became a "standard," the relative values of the 1859 and 1868 issues of Canada stamps were fairly quoted; but since it has become a slavish copy of Gibbons, mistakes and all, it has priced things entirely regardless of the fact that its publishers did not and could not supply hundreds of stamps, the 1859 and 1868 Canada in particular, at the quotations named, and thus set the lead for every dealer in America, big and little, to overprice and underprice a large proportion of his stock much to the detriment of collectors. We trust the company, under Mr. Capen's direction, will put an end to this state of things. The new president is an authority on prices, let him use his own judgment

in quoting them for Canadian stamps and spare our dealers the constant demand from United States for 1868 12½c. for 9c. (50 per cent. off Scott), when they have a ready market for it at home at 40c. net. We notice that a veteran New York dealer has lately advertised to sell everything, used and unused, at 50 per cent. discount. If he has a million or so of 12½c. blue to dispose of at this rate the money is ready to pay for them, plus a good big commission for his trouble.

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THE MAFEKING STAMPS.

Our English contemporary, *The Philatelic Chronicle*, makes the following rash assertions with regard to the Mafeking stamps:

"The military authorities had nothing to do with them; they were purchased, surcharged and issued by a syndicate formed of townsfolk and a military man who was there in an unofficial capacity. Those authorities never had the handling of one of them, unless they bought it or got it by favor. The public never had the chance of purchasing them or speculating in them. The two or three exploiters did that. Those which came to England were brought in used and unused by a prominent citizen of Mafeking. They were bought first hand from the exploiters at a higher price than they are now worth, and so the speculators realized thousands per cent on their outlay. The chief reason for issuing the Mafeking stamps being for the purpose of sale to collectors, no one else ever had the opportunity of buying them."

If the above statements are true we quite agree with the *Chronicle*, that "their proper niche in philately is between the Sedang issue and that of Baron Hickey for his South American island of Trinidad;" but assertion is not proof, and these assertions being directly in contradiction to the facts of the case, as heretofore presented on respectable evidence, we must ask for proof before accepting our contemporary's verdict.

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We have received from the South African Stamp Co. a copy of their price catalogue of African stamps, a handy little book for all collectors of these now fashionable stamps. The prices quoted seem quite reasonable.

Mr. J. H. Makins, of San Francisco, with the wonderful Crocker collection of Hawaiians, was at the Queen's Hotel, Montreal, for a few days last month. He was a pleasant visitor at our office during his stay.

NEW ZEALAND STAMP NEWS.

By H. Bolitho.

I am sure the readers of the Montreal Philatelist will regret to hear bad news of the late correspondent here, Mr. Gossett. I can hardly believe that the young lad, whom I knew well, is as bad as appears from this.

News from Cook Islands says that it is idle to disguise the fact that since the annexation of the islands to Great Britain in October, 1900, both the native and European population of Rarotonga have been in a state of unrest as to the future administration of the group. This feeling is not in any way lessened by the events of the last two months. All Government moneys passed through the hands of the two officials, Mr. F. C. Goodwin, treasurer and secretary of the Government, and Mr. R. W. Gossett, postmaster and Collector of Customs and bandmaster. Goodwin was killed by the explosion of a rocket on June 10. Gossett was suspended from duty on July 1 on account of drunkenness and absence from his office. An audit of the books showed a total deficiency of about £1100. Gossett was £637 and Goodwin £460 to the bad. Goodwin's death put out of the question any proceedings against him. Gossett was tried before the High Commissioner's Court, which included Colonel Gudgeon, on a charge of embezzling £637, the property of the Government of the Cook Islands. Accused pleaded guilty. Dr. Craig, Acting-Resident during Colonel Gudgeon's absence, stated that owing to Gossett's absence without leave on July 2, he had suspended him from duty, and had had the accounts audited. Gossett admitted embezzling the Government's moneys, which he had spent in liquor, curios and stamps, and that he and Goodwin had acted in collusion in stealing Government moneys. Gossett was sentenced to two years' hard labour on the island of Manuae, the Government penal settlement. Captain Hoff, the Government auditor, in his evidence, stated that part of the deficiency of £500 has been refunded by Lieut.-Col. Gudgeon, uncle of prisoner.

The adoption of the penny postage by New Zealand, it was estimated, would involve a loss of £80,000. The latest "counting," which was made last month, indicates that the yearly increase of paid letters posted was at the rate of about ten millions over the number posted last year, and the net postage loss about £43,591. This (remarks the Postmaster-General with natural satisfaction) is a surprising result, and the fact may be accepted as additional proof of the generous appreciation of the penny postage, and of unexampled and sustained prosperity throughout the colony, while it affords good reason to believe that the total loss following the introduction of this great reform will very soon be made up.

AUSTRALIAN STAMP SCENES.

Tasmania's "What is It?"

By A. Lloyd Jones.

Among the most interesting of zoological stamps are four from Tasmania. They are revenue stamps, sometimes used for postage, of the issue of 1882, and are cheap. The entire four being catalogued at but thirty-five cents. The interest they excite is chiefly on account of the odd animal pictured thereon, which is also pictured on certain Tasmanian wrappers. It is known as the platypus, duck-mole, duck-bill, mallangung, mullingong, tambreet, and water mole.

That is a good many names for a small creature, isn't it? I say "creature" for I hardly know whether to call it fish, flesh, or fowl. They appear to be a link between mammals, birds and reptiles. When explorers of Australia first described them, their descriptions were received with incredulity, and even when a stuffed specimen was brought to England, it was thought to have been ingeniously fabricated by some swindler, who had fixed the beak of a duck into the head of some unknown animal. This duck-like bill is caused by a prolongation of some of the bones of the head. The bones are covered with a naked skin. In the stuffed and dried specimens the "beak" appears as if it were composed of black leather taken from an old shoe, but in the living animal it presents a very different aspect, being soft, rounded and of a pinky hue at its tip, mottled with a number of little spots. The beak is well supplied with nerves, and appears to be a sensitive organ of touch, by means of which the animal is enabled to feel as well as to smell its food. The nostrils are situated near the extremity of the upper surface. There are no true teeth but two great horny prominences, placed on each jaw, supply the place of molars. The eyes are small and brown. The body is rather long and compressed, thickly covered with very glossy hair, among the roots of which there is a layer of soft, water-proof felt or wadding. The general color is a soft dark brown, more or less tinged with russet, but paler on the under parts.

Its length is from eighteen to twenty-four inches from the extremity of the beak to the tip of the tail, but it has attracted more interest than animals of a thousand times its dimensions. The mullingong, as it is known locally, is pretty generally distributed in situations suitable to its aquatic habits throughout the island of Tasmania and the southern and eastern portions of Australia.

The mullingong is an essentially aquatic and burrowing animal, and is duly organized for its residence in the water or under the earth. The opening of the ears is small and can be closed at will, and the feet are furnished with large and complete webs, extending beyond the claws in the forefeet and to their base in the hind. The fore feet are employed for digging as well as for swimming, being so constructed that the animal can fold back the web at pleasure, and thus the foot is enabled to perform its task. With such force can these powerful claws be used that the duck bill has been seen to make a burrow two feet in length through gravelly soil in the space of ten minutes. It uses its beak as well as its feet when digging. The mullingong, for the purpose of sleeping and breeding, forms in the bank deep burrows from twenty to fifty feet in length, which generally have two orifices, one just above the water level, concealed among long grasses and leaves the other below the surface. It always bends upward towards a sort of chamber in which a rude nest of twigs, dried weeds and grasses is made.

Owing to the extremely loose skin of the mullingong, it can push its way through a very small aperture and is not easily retained in the grasp, wriggling without much difficulty from the grip of the fingers. The loose skin and thick fur are also preventives against injury, as the discharge of a gun, which would blow another animal nearly to pieces, seems to take but little external effect upon the duck bill. The animal is, moreover, so tenacious of life, that one of the creatures which had received the two charges of a double-barreled gun, was able, after it had recovered from the shock, to run for twenty minutes after it had been wounded.

The food of the water mole consists of molluscs, aquatic insects, and worms, which are caught under water, the sand and small stones at the bottom being overturned with their bills to find them. They first deposit what they have thus collected in their cheek pouches, and then eat quietly when resting. It seems seldom to feed during the day or in the depth of night, preferring for that purpose the first dusk of evening or the dawn of morning. During the rest of the day it is generally asleep. While sleeping it coils itself into a round ball, the tail shutting down over the head and serving to protect it. In their native haunts they are extremely timid and wary, and very difficult to approach, being rarely seen out of their burrows in the daytime.

The young mullingongs are curious little creatures, with soft, short, flexible beaks, naked skins, and almost unrecognizable as the children of their long-nosed parents. When they attain to the honor of their first coat, they are most playful little things, knocking each other about like kittens, and rolling on the ground in the exuberance of their mirth. They bear a further similitude to the cat in their scrupulous cleanliness and the continual washing and picking of their hair.

CREAM OF THE MAGAZINES.

THE PROSPECTS OF THE PRESENT SEASON.

"*Le roi est mort, vive le roi.*" Once more the holiday makers are regretfully wending their way homewards, and as the *genus* Philatelist will shortly turn with fresh enthusiasm to his old love, it behoves us to review the past season and to analyse the prospects of the one just commencing.

A year ago, those gentlemen whose bread and butter depended on the purchase and sale of stamps—in short the trade, were regarding the immediate future with distinctly mingled feelings, and their misgivings were very easy to understand. In the first place the bank rate stood at a figure that had not been equalled for years past, and consequently many of the largest buyers, *volens nolens* were compelled by stress of adverse circumstances to let their collections remain "in statu quo" for a while. In the second place the large contingent of army men who delight in their spare time to complete issues and pages, were thousands of miles away thinking only of circumventing the "slip" tactics of the wily Boer. When Consols, the world's premier security, had slowly "sagged" from 114 to 90, surely it was reasonable to suppose that a mere hobby such as stamp collecting would temporarily have to go to the wall, and that prices would show a fall commensurate with the decreased demand for luxuries generally, And yet, as is frequently the case, the sapientes were agreeably disappointed, and the unexpected happened. The various war provisionals—Mafeking Besieged, Transvaal, and Orange River Colony stamps—were so advertised by the press generally that many old collectors, whose philatelic proclivities had lain dormant for years, became "keener" than ever, and the number of recruits attacked by the chance possession of a few stamps unprecedented.

Hence it happened that while stocks, shares, and marketable securities generally, depreciated to the tune of hundreds of millions, stamps on the whole, even appreciated to a slight extent, and many of the leading stamp firms reported a record turnover. Unfortunately, we have not the gift of prophecy or we might be able to line with gold the pockets of those readers who have strongly developed the capacity for making a "turn." As far as we can judge, existing conditions appear to warrant optimism of a most pronounced type,

The war cannot last for ever, and as soon as this is a half-forgotten memory, things generally will rapidly assume their normal course and the two adverse features of last season, being deleted should alone cause a very considerable upward trend of prices. A few years ago it looked as if speculators, by creating a fictitious demand for the stamps of certain countries, with the attendant inflations of prices, would work much injury to stamp collecting and from which it would take years to recover. Indeed, as it was, the majority of the West Indian varieties were worked up to double and treble the sums justified by the ordinary law of supply and demand, but since then speculative stocks appear to have been unloaded and prices have re-acted to a level from which they should soon again advance from natural and healthy courses. Quite lately, Australian and African Colonials have been greatly sought after, the former owing to federation and the keen interest shown in the emissions of these colonies by the Duke of York, and the latter for obvious reasons.

Though scarcely within the province of this article I hope I may be pardoned for speaking of a matter which is of great general interest. I refer to the "Stamp Trade Protection Association" and I must confess that I am somewhat disappointed at the lack of support extended to it. Considering that the value of the stamp collectors' and dealers' stocks in this country must approximate to millions, it is most necessary that a powerful association of some sort, *sturdily supported by collectors and dealers alike*, must exist to nip in the bud the various parasitic growths that unchecked, would ultimately deal a serious blow to our pastime, and consequently our purses. Already the association has done useful work by helping to bring to justice one of those cowardly sneaks, beside whom the burglar who takes his life in his hands every time he exercises his nefarious occupation, is a hero.

H. WILFRID PLUMRIDGE, A.A.I.
—*Phil. Journal of G. B.*

GERMANY WANTS FERNANDO POO.

Any transfer of territory from one Power to another necessarily interests philatelists, since in its train must come a change of stamps. Germany, it seems, is casting longing eyes on Fernando Poo, and has, it is said, already acquired from Spain the right of preemption of the island. Indeed, a German syndicate is now being formed with a view to its future exploitation.

The island of Fernando Poo has an area of about 762 square miles. The principal port is the capital, Santa Isabel, on the north, with an excellent anchorage, which, it is stated, could be converted into a sheltered harbour at a small expense.

The principal products of Fernando Poo are cocoa, palm oil, and—stamps!—*S. C. Fortnightly.*

THE FIJI TIMES EXPRESS STAMPS.

The first stamps of Fiji were unofficial, and though generally collected—by those fortunate enough to obtain them—they are undoubtedly merely local stamps. A newspaper known as the *Fiji Times* was responsible for the issue of the stamps, which, although ostensibly produced solely for the purpose of prepaying the postage on copies of that newspaper, were in reality adopted by the islanders for general postal use. After they had been in use for one year,

i.e., in 1871, government stamps were issued . . . The so-called reprints of the stamps of the *Fiji Times Express* are in reality mere imitations, the stamps being of different size and distinctly different type from those of the original issue. In addition to this, the reprinted labels are all on laid batonné paper; and in the case of the sixpenny value, that has a small instead of a large numeral value.—*Australian Journal of Philately.*

IS IT "EXIT WURTEMBURG"?

From the German philatelic papers we learn, as already mentioned, that the kingdom of Wurtemburg contemplates a surrender of its separate postal privileges.

Now it is not generally known that there exists at Stuttgart a special office for the sale of obsolete postal issues. In view of the increased business expected by the adoption of the Imperial stamps all the post offices in Wurtemburg have now been authorized to execute orders for obsolete stamps free of extra charge.

The stock in hand at present and which is sold to the public at face value, consists of about

3500 stamps, 5 mark,		Issue of	81-82
1900 "	3pf. green	"	-75
1900 "	5 " violet	"	"
1900 postcards,	3pf. brown	"	-91
2600 "	5pf. violet	"	-88
2200 "	reply, 5 & 5pf.	"	"
2900 stamped envelopes	5pf. violet	"	-76
3000 newsbands,	3pf.	"	-84
2500 money order cards,	4pf.	"	-87

Some imperforate copies of the 2 marks orange on white, issue of '81-82, have lately made their appearance.

The stamps are cancelled Stuttgart, No. 2, 16 Mrz, 95, 1-2, N. in the usual single circle. They are not so well printed as the perforated stamps and as the cancellation has been ascertained to be an unauthorized one, we caution our readers against purchasing any copies offered till something more is known about their official status.—*S. C. Fortnightly.*

BOER PHILATELISTS WHO CLAIM COMPENSATION.

It appears that the Transvaal Compensation Commission now sitting to assess the amounts of claims for damage to property caused by the war have before them several claims for collections of postage stamps. One claimant wants £35 for 15,000 used Transvaal stamps (varieties not specified) while another wants £60 for his collection. In a leaderette referring to this matter the "Daily Chronicle" says—"These claims are significant of the great rage for postal rarities which has been one of the minor features of the war in South Africa. . . . We may hear next that the real cause of the Transvaal war was the machinations of philatelists covetous of V.R. surcharges! It would not be more absurd than some other theories of the war."—*S. C. Fortnightly.*

FROM THE PUBLISHER.

A WORD OF THANKS.

I am indeed grateful to my subscribers for the hearty support I am receiving. It is my earnest endeavour to get out the very best stamp paper published at 25c., and although I do not make a cent on the low subscription price, it more than pays me to see that my subscribers appreciate my efforts.

A WORD TO DEALERS.—Within the past month or so I have refused prepaid ads from several dealers because I could not get the necessary references required before any one can offer his goods to my readers. Subscribers can have full confidence in those who advertise in the M. P., as only dealers of irreproachable character can use my paper to advertise in, and I request all subscribers who buy stamps to deal ONLY with them—they will be well treated.

SCOTT'S 1902 CATALOGUE.—Don't forget to send in your order. The catalogue and your subscription extended one year for 70c., post and duty free.

GIBBONS' 1902 CATALOGUE, PART I.—(British Empire) is now ready. PRICE 65 CENTS, post and duty free; add 10 cents and your subscription will be renewed for a year. A SPECIAL AMERICAN EDITION priced in DOLLARS AND CENTS instead of in POUNDS, SHILLINGS and PENCE will be ready soon. State which edition you prefer, English or American.

PERSONALS.

Mr. Geo. C. Chipp, of South Africa, whose ad appears in this number, wishes me to mention that he is a new dealer, and hopes that collectors will give him the necessary support. His prices are low.

The ads of Mr. Geo. C. Ginn will appear in this paper for some months to come. Mr. Ginn is well known in England as a dealer possessing a fine stock, and collectors on this side will find what they require by writing Mr. Ginn, of Tottenham.

Here is what Mr. Jost, of Halifax, N.S., says: "Had very good results from September ad.

Mr. Wettern, the well-known wholesale dealer of Baltimore, also is pleased with the M. P. He says he has had more replies from readers of the M. P. than from any other paper he advertises in.

The Home Stamp Co., of Baltimore, is now directed by Mr. F. S. Chavannes. He is a gentleman of enterprise and aims to please all patrons. Try him and judge for yourself.

A. E. Moore, W. Jacoby and Whitfield, King & Co., are English dealers who advertise in the M. P. for the first time this month, other English dealers who always have something new to offer are Stanley Gibbons, Limited, William Stamp Co., Bridger & Kay and South African Stamp Co. New Canadian and American advertisers are Harold M. Perry, W. Sellschopp & Co. and Woronoco Stamp Co. All have something to interest you, all our old advertisers are here as usual with new bargains in stamps.

The Canadian Philatelic Society.

Organized September, 1898, as the League of Canadian Philatelists.

President—W. Kelsey Hall, Peterboro, Ont.
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Vice-President United States—H. A. Chapman, Rocky Hill, Conn.
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PROCLAMATION.

To the Members of the Canadian Philatelic Society :

GENTLEMEN,

No objections having been offered to the amendments to our Constitution, submitted at our Annual Convention held in the City of Montreal, on 1st of July last, and no adverse vote having been cast, as President of our said Society, I hereby declare that the said amendments, as per list in the July Official Organ, shall be incorporated in and form, together with the unvaried clauses thereof, the Constitution of our said Society.

W. KELSEY HALL,
President.

Peterboro, 17th Sept., 1901.

Secretary's Report,

NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED.

215. H. F. Leonard, Brantford, Ont.
216. Rev. Montague G. Poole, Cobden, Ont.
217. C. P. Sutton, Box 358, St. John, N.B.
218. D. Eberts MacIntyre, 131 Stanley St., Montreal.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

219. B. Jay, Lowestoft, England, Brewer. Ref., W. K. Hall, J. D. Stern.
220. M. T. Hunter, 206 Bolton Av., Buffalo, N.Y., Mining Engineer. Ref., W. K. Hall, H. Smith
221. A. F. Wicks, 419 South St., London, Ont., Stamp Dealer. Ref., W. Jas. Wurtele.
222. C. W. Bell, Iowa Falls, Iowa, Agent Ills. Central Railway. Ref., W. K. Hall, H. Smith.
223. Rev. W. H. Langille, 263 Brunswick Street, Halifax, N.S., Clergyman. Ref. Ed. F. Hart, H. Smith.
224. Thos. F. Chamberlain, stenographer, Greenville, Illinois, U.S. Ref. W. K. Hall, H. Smith.

Members are again requested to pay up their dues for the current year. The Secretary wishes all those who have paid up to July 1st, 1902, and have not received membership card to notify him and card will be sent. In changing Secretaries and waiting for the new cards to be printed, some may have been omitted. Application blanks can be had for the asking. Don't forget the Society Hand Book.

The Secretary desires to state that only a small portion of the members have paid up their dues for the ensuing year and he is obliged to say, more in sorrow than in anger, that the November number of the official organ will contain a full and impartial list of all those who are still in arrears. "While the light holds out to burn, etc.," is as true as it ever was.

Yours for wealth,

CHAS. H. FOWLE,
Secty.-Treas.

Medford, Mass., Oct, 1, 1901.

AUCTION DEPARTMENT.

New Carlisle, P.Q., Oct. 5th, 1901.

To Members of C.P.S.

I would once more earnestly request all members to kindly patronize this department. Last month's auction, although small, proved very satisfactory. I had expected to again hold an auction this month, but not having received sufficient lots, I am obliged to postpone it till November.

Kindly send in your lots by the last of this month.

Fraternally yours,

G. P. LEGRAND, Auct. Mgr.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO OFFICERS.

I have been trying since August to reproduce a group of the officers of the Society, but quite a few have not yet sent their photos. Kindly do so at once, gentlemen, as it is not fair to the other officers who responded so quickly when I wrote them for their pictures. This group is to be reproduced in the next number if possible.

Re the Hand-Book. There are one or two more offices to be filled by the Trustees, and these have to be attended to before a start can be made on the book. I hear that one or two of the trustees have resigned. There are several good men, however, in Montreal, who can fill the vacancies, and everything has to be in shape, the rules of departments revised, etc., before the hand-book can be started.

W. JAMES WURTELE,
Publisher Official Organ.

SOCIETY HAND-BOOK.

Dealers wishing to obtain advertising space in the CANADIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY'S HAND-BOOK are requested to make application at once. Rates are very low, considering the class of collectors who will get the book. It will also be kept, therefore the ad will always stand good.

WANTS AND OFFERS.

A 30 word advertisement is inserted three times free, for each full annual subscription received, new or renewal. If a change is wanted after the first insertion, it must be paid for at usual rates. Regular rates are ½c. per word. Nothing less than 15c. taken. Three insertions for the price of two.

SPECIAL OFFER.

100 words	(to be used	within 12	months)	45
500 do	do	do	do	2 00
1000 do	do	do	do	3 20

Contracts made at these reduced rates for this column are payable strictly in advance.

WANTED—The following back numbers of this paper, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Will pay cash or give good stamps for clean copies. W. JAS. WURTELE, 126 St. James Street, Montreal.

For Sale, back numbers of this paper, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 22, 24, 26, 27, 29, out of print; Nos. 6, 7, 25c each; 17, 19, 28, 15c each; Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 25, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 10c each; Vol. II., complete, 60c; Vol. III., complete, $1.00. Address, THE PUBLISHER.

WANTED to complete our files, a few clean copies of the Montreal Philatelist, Nos. 22, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29. Address, THE PUBLISHER.

Two Cameras to exchange for best offer in stamps or will sell for cash. 4 x 5 Premo B. Darlot lens, 4 plate holders and roll holder cost $30 in 1898; 5 x 7 Folding Hawkeye, cost $20 in 1898. Dr. C. H. GARDNER, Port Townsend, Wash. s3-2-4

For foreign revenue and postage stamps, I will send three times the amount in U. S. JOE RICH, 511 South Market St., Nashville, Tenn. s3-2-4

Indian arrow points exchanged for good stamps, send sheets and I will send a perfect arrow point for every 10 cents worth that I keep. E. A. BAILEY, Marietta, Georgia. s3-2-4

THEODOR C. MANN, 1416 Hickory St., St. Louis, Mo., exchanges stamp, coin and curio duplicates. s3-2-4

WANTED foreign and Pan-American in sets, for Canadian. I want Can. 6c and 5c jub. 10c 97 and 6c 98. 50 Blue for good exchange. 200 variety 20c post paid. OVILA ROY, Glen Robertson, Ont., Can. s3-2-4

I wish to exchange stamps with all collectors. Rare for rare. No rubbish. A. C. L. WINKELMANN, Whirinaki, Hokianga, New Zealand. s3-2-4

Medium grade stamps for sale at 50 per cent. discount. Send reference. Stamped Bank Checks, used, to exchange at 10c a dozen for stamps from sheets. S. L. FUTER, 431 N. 41st St., Phila, Pa. s3-2-4

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25c " " carmine..... " 30
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" 8 " violet "	"	.12
" 1 r, red & green, H.M.S.	"	.20
Jamaica, 2d, C.A. grey	"	.08
" 3d, " olive	"	.25
Malta, ½	"	.10
" 1d	"	.12
Newfoundland, 1880, 3c, blue	"	.30
New Zealand, 1899, ½d, green	"	.05
" 1899, 2d, purple	"	.12
" 1900, 1d, universal	"	.10
South Australia, 4d purple	"	.12
" 1900, ½d, green	"	.10
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" 1896, 2c, red-brown	"	.18
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" 1900, 1 krona	"	.10
" 1900, 2 "	"	.30
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" 1861, 20c	"	.06
Dutch Indies, King, 12½	"	.25
" Queen, 15c	"	.10
Netherlands, Queen, 7½c	"	.08
" " 10c	"	.04
" " 12½c	"	.06
" " 15c	"	.08
" " 20c	"	.08
" " 50c green and brown	"	.15
" " 1 gulden, brown and olive	"	.65
" 1899, ½ or 1c	per 100	.30
Peru, 1895, 1c, ultramarine	per 10	.06
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NEWS OF THE MONTH

We present a very interesting budget of news this month in regard to new stamps. The new Bulgarian set has appeared, also that of the Dominican Republic, with a promise of another commemorative set in February, that looks to be of an extremely speculative character. The Italian set has been completed, a commemorative stamp is promised from Japan, and another has appeared from Newfoundland with the first philatelic portrait of the future Queen of Great Britain.

We alluded some time ago to the practical demonetization of the dollar values of the Canada jubilee stamps. We hear of several lots unloaded by speculators at 40c for the $1.00 and from 50c to 80c each for the $2.00 to $5.00. Other speculators, we learn, have had their holdings cancelled by the post office, and are selling the used stamps for what they can get for them in that condition. We do not know what quantity has been so put upon the market, but know of one individual interested to the amount of several thousand dollars face value who has made the sacrifice.

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ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

BENGAZI.—(1 *piastra stamp*). We illustrate the 1 piastra stamp surcharged in red on the new 25c. Italy for the post office established in Tripoli, at Bengazi, an important sea port on the northern coast of Africa.

BULGARIA.—(*The new set*).—The new stamps were issued as announced in our last number, on Oct. 13th. They are printed in St. Petersburg and form a very handsome set. The design, which we illustrate, is the same for all values; the figures in the upper corners are in the same colors as the portrait of Prince Ferdi-

given first in the following list; the frame is in the second color mentioned. Perf. 12½.

1 st. black and purple.
2 " blue and olive.
3 " black and orange.
5 " brown and green.
10 " brown and rose.
15 " black and lake.
25 " black and blue.
30 " black and bistre.
50 " brown and blue.
1 l. green and vermilion.
2 l. black and red.
3 l. red brown and grey.

CANEA.—(1 *piastra stamp*).—The Italian government is reported to have decided to provide all its foreign offices in the Levant with 25c. stamps surcharged with the name of each office. Several post offices are shortly to be opened in Albania, from which these provisionals may be expected. We illustrate that for the office at Canea in the island of Crete, the surcharge is in red on the 25c. blue.

COLOMBIA.—(*Panama registration stamp*).—The long oblong 10c. registration label is now printed in red on white, instead of black on blue, green.

(*Cartagena provisionals*). We illustrate the 1 and 2c. provisional stamps, described last month.

COREA.—(*Post cards 1 and 4 cheun*).—... cards single and reply have been

issued, also a 4 ch. single card red brown on buff.

(*The new high values*) —We illustrate the 1 wen stamp listed in September. The 50 ch. and 2 wen are of somewhat similar device, with the inscriptions and emblems variously arranged.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—(*A new set*).—News of the issue of a complete new series reaches us first from England where the stamps were printed, to judge by appearances by De La Rue & Co. Our friend Mr. M. D. Senior of New York is cordially thanked for early specimens and the following particulars :—

"The new set for this "Republic, which will "first be offered to the "public on the 15th inst., has been already "received here. They are unquestion- "ably the handsomest stamps ever issued "by this country. All are printed in two "colors, the central design, which is the "arms of the country, is printed in a light "violet for all values, surrounded by a "frame in a different color for each." Our illustration shows the disposition of the frame and inscriptions; the stamps are perforated 14½ and care seems to have been taken to get them well centered, a feature that is characteristic of De LaRue's work. The values and the colors of the outer frames are as follows :—

½	centavo	red.
1	"	olive green.
2	"	dark green.
5	"	red brown.
10	"	orange.
20	"	dark purple.
50	"	grey black.
100	"	brown.

There is also a set of unpaid letter stamps of the annexed type, four values—2, 4, 5 and 10c. all in the same color sepia. (*A commemorative set in preparation*). Interesting details of a commemorative set to be issued in February, 1902, are given in a separate article by Mr. Senior.

GREAT BRITAIN.—(*King's head stamps*). As the plates for the new ½d. and 1d. have been registered, and the order to print has been given, the stamps may make their appearance at any time now, as soon as the old stock is exhausted. The design is identical for the two stamps, which would seem to imply a uniform set of all values when required. Mr. R. L. Podesta, of Coventry, England, sends us the following clipping from a local newspaper :

I hear, says the *Post* London correspondent, that the new halfpenny and the penny stamps with the King's head on them have been printed, and it is possible that they will be issued on the 9th of November — the King's birthday. The colour of the halfpenny stamp is greenish-blue, in conformity with the Postal-Union agreement, and that of the penny stamp is a deep carmine on white. One who has seen the imprimatur sheet at Somerset House tells me that he does not think the likeness of his Majesty a good one, nor the design particularly happy, but those points we should all soon be able to consider for ourselves.

ITALY.—(*Completion of the new set.*) The new set has been completed by the issue of the following values, October 1st :

40c. brown.
45c olive green.
50c. purple.
1 l. brown and green.
5 l. blue and red.

The corresponding values of the old issue become obsolete for postal purposes September 30th, 1902, but may be exchanged at any post office till September 30th, 1903, after which date they shall cease to have any legal value, but may be sold to stamp collectors at such prices as the Government may fix.

JAPAN.—(½ *sen in place of 5 rin*). The 5 rin stamp of the current set has been replaced by one of equivalent value—½ sen grey. (*A commemorative 3 sen*). A press despatch informs us of the issue of a 3 sen stamp commemorating the late Prince Kitashirakawa. The stamp will have in the centre the picture of the Formosa Shrine, which is dedicated to the Prince, with the imperial crest beside it surrounded by the letters "Imperial Japanese Post." Its size will be almost the same as that of the postal stamps now in use.

MAURITIUS.—(*2c. and 15c. of current type*). A 15c. stamp, of the current "arms" type, green with value in orange was issued in July, and at the same time the 2c. lilac with value in violet, reported Dec., 1900, was put in circulation. (*Provisional 2c. post cards*), The 8c. carmine U. P. U. post cards, single and reply, issued in 1897 have recently been surcharged in black 2 CENTS for local use. As soon as this old stock is exhausted regular 2c. single and reply cards are promised.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—(*A new 4 cent stamp*). The "Royal Picture gallery" set has been increased by the issue of a 4c. purple with portrait of the Duchess of Cornwall. It was issued about the time of the visit of the royal party in commemoration of that event, but is to be a permanent addition to the set, being a value much needed for double weight letters. Our thanks are gratefully

accorded to Mr. J. Pitblado for an early specimen of this stamp.

NICARAGUA.—(*Provisional 2c. on 1c.*)—In listing the recent surcharges in our July number, we omitted the 2c. surcharged on 1c. as it was not mentioned in the official authorization of these provisionals; it appears that a quantity of 1 centavo instead of 1 peso stamps were surcharged 2 centavos by mistake, but when the error was noticed they were withdrawn from sale. (*Cancellation of the Arsenjo contract*). It is now stated that the contract with Dr. Arsenjo by which that gentleman was to furnish a new set of stamps yearly in exchange for 50,000 cancelled to order sets and all remainders, has been annulled by mutual consent, and consequently no new issue for 1901 is contemplated. The post-marked 50,000 sets, however, appear to have been delivered, at least we should judge so by the number of complete sets carefully cancelled in the corners, which are being placed on the market.

NORTH BORNEO.—(*New surcharged set*). —The entire current set of the stamps of the state of North Borneo, consisting of the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24, 25 and 50c. have been surcharged, BRITISH PROTECTORATE in two lines, in black on the 3 and 24c., green on the 4 and 5c., blue on the 8c. and in red on the other values.

PERU.—(*New stamps promised*).—It is announced that the Peruvian government has ordered two millions 5c. blue and five hundred thousand 10c. lake, depicting the bust of Pizarro and three hundred thousand 22c. green with the figure of Liberty, to be furnished by the American Bank Note Co. This is a new design for the 22c. stamp, and a new color for the 10c., but does not indicate any change in the 5c. value except possibly in shade.

SEYCHELLES.—(*Another 3c. provisional*) —From the manager of the Crown Stamp Co., Vancouver, we have received a specimen of a new surcharge, this time 3 CENTS on the 10c. blue and brown. Our correspondent writes: "there were only 6,000 of the 3c. on the 10c. issued, and 12,000 of the 6c. on 8c., and they are selling for 9d. each out there, all being bought up within two days after being placed on sale. All the other values are to be surcharged so as to clear them out by Christmas, when the new issue with the King's head is expected to arrive." Several "printer's errors" have been noted in these surcharges. In the last budget of the Seychelles administration, a diminution in postal revenue was accounted for by the falling off of the demand for stamps from collectors; apparently they are trying to make up this deficit in the revenue.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—(*Change of watermark of 1 and 2s.*). The 1 and 2 shilling now come on the same paper as the rest of the current issue with watermark crown and S.A., letters far apart instead of the star paper as heretofore.

SOUTHERN NIGERIA.—(*Reported color change of 10s.*). It is stated by *La Tribune des Collectionneurs* that the 10s. issued last March in violet and black on yellow paper, now appears in red brown and dark green on yellow. Considering the great variation in nomenclature of colors by different chroniclers, this may turn out to be merely some slight variety of shade, as there has been no confirmation by the English journals of the report of our French contemporary.

TRINIDAD.—(*Change of colors*).—It is stated by *Ewen's Weekly* that new supplies recently sent from London to the colony have been changed in color. The ½d. now green on white instead of lilac and green, 1d. black on red instead of lilac and rose, and the 1s. black and blue on yellow paper instead of green and brown.

TURKEY.—(*10 para post card*).—A 10 para post card green on rose, single and reply of the same type as the 20 p. for interior service, has recently been issued for local use in the capital.

MR. H. L. HART'S MAGNIFICENT COLLECTION.

INSPECTED BY H. R. H. THE DUKE OF CORNWALL AND YORK.

I had the extreme pleasure recently of seeing the superb collection of B. N. A. stamps, the property of Mr. H. L. Hart, of this city, which is without a doubt one of the best, if not the finest collection in North America. The gem of the collection is centred in a fine copy of the 12 p. black, the rarest of all Canadian stamps. It would indeed cure anyone with a bad touch of the blues to examine this collection. Mr. Hart possesses four 1 shilling Nova Scotia, one of them being unused, likewise the same with New Brunswick. His collection of British Columbia is indeed fine; it includes a pair of 5c. used imperf., also used and unused pairs of 5c. perf. In Newfoundland he has entire sheet after entire sheet of the early issues, likewise with P. E. I. During the recent visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall and York to Halifax, Mr. Hart met him by appointment on board the Royal Yacht "Ophir," where an hour was spent viewing the collection. The Duke was very much pleased with it, particularly with the shades and general arrangement of the stamps, which showed great taste. Mr. Hart prizes his collection very highly and it would take a pretty large figure to tempt him to sell. Mr. Hart takes the greatest of pleasure in showing his collection to anyone who is interested. I might also say that his collection of stamps on original covers (B.N.A.) is also very fine.

J. H. JOST.

EDITORIAL.

PHILATELY IN CANADA.

WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT SHOULD BE.

Last month we referred to the deplorable lack of a co-operative national spirit amongst Canadian philatelists, as evidenced in the total failure of our prominent collectors and societies to take any public part in the various receptions and presentations tendered to the Duke of Cornwall and York, in the chief cities of the country. That some attention from philatelists would have been gratifying to the Royal visitor is certain, for everywhere on his trip around the world, stamps and stamp collectors have been prominent, except in Canada. In another column we publish an account of the cordial reception given to a Halifax collector who offered his philatelic treasures for the inspection of H.R.H., but this is the solitary instance that has occurred of such entertainment being tendered to our late distinguished visitor. It may be that individual philatelists, actuated by that quiet, retiring spirit that seems to characterize our Canadian collectors, have hesitated to thrust themselves into prominent notice on this occasion, but it is time that Canadians who collect stamps and who desire the welfare of philately in this country should take more energetic action on its behalf. Some years ago we had strong local societies in Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, Quebec and elsewhere. What has become of them? They are never heard of to-day. The advertising columns of our journals are filled by the announcements of American and European dealers, while the stocks of Canadian dealers are but meagerly represented in comparison. In fact, did our journals depend upon Canadian advertisers and subscribers for their existence, they could not pay their printers' bills. We have two large societies, the C.P.S. and D.P.A., but half, if not more, of the membership is made up of residents of other countries, and the official organ of the latter is published in the United States. Our dealers have the same tale to tell, over half their regular customers are outside the boundaries of the Dominion; while Canadian stamp buyers, instead of helping to build up a prosperous home trade are daily remitting vast sums to dealers abroad. Elsewhere local stamp dealers receive local support and patronage whether in buying or selling, but distant fields seem to look more green to Canadian collectors.

Last month we discussed the absurd undervaluation of several Canadian stamps by the catalogueers, but if our stamps are not quoted at their true valuation it is because Canadian philatelists do not co-operate as they should with one another. What we should have in each of our large cities are strong local clubs affiliated with one or the other of our two national societies; every serious collector should become a member, and he should attend the meetings. Each one can in some way make his influence felt; sales and exhibitions should be frequent, prizes can be offered for Canadian competitors, prices of Canadian stamps can be regulated, the home dealer should be more liberally encouraged, and thus a stronger home market can be developed and maintained. By these and various other means which will suggest themselves when we really begin to work together in earnest, can Canadian philatelic interests be enhanced, and Canadian philatelists as a body receive that recognition that their numbers and influence, now dissipated from lack of harmonious action, demand. We would like to hear from any of our readers who wish to assist in this movement. We specially want to hear from one or two in each of our principal cities who will undertake to call upon local philatelists and enroll them in the Canadian Philatelic Society and organize local branches. Even in our smaller towns there are generally enough to start a stamp club where the benefits of mutual assistance can be felt, and philately made the means of much pleasant social intercourse. Let our friends get to work and we will soon place Canadian philately in the position it demands and deserves.

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Our English contemporary *Stamps* complains of a lack of courtesy on our part in not sending an exchange copy of the MONTREAL PHILATELIST to its editor. On enquiry at our publisher's office, we find that two exchange copies have been regularly mailed to the address as formerly given in its columns, "Rushden, R.S.O.,

England." Now that our attention is drawn to it we notice, that lately, wrappers addressed separately to the editor and publisher, have been requested, and such request will be in future complied with. All exchanges coming to us are addressed to our office of publication, where it is seen that they reach the proper destination. This seems to us the correct system, as editors and publishers have but little time to read all the business announcements in each exchange received and note changes of the editor's private address. When such changes are desired it would be an act of courtesy to send a special notification to that effect.

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At the risk of uselessly prolonging the discussion, we would again point out to *Stamps* that it makes the mistake of giving to the Greek word "*Ateleia*" a meaning it does not bear, when it defines it as "meaning exempt from taxation, *or that the tax has been paid.*" The two definitions are by no means synonymous. A man who has paid his taxes cannot say he enjoys the privilege of immunity or exemption from taxation, which is what the Greek word implies. Before the invention of postage stamps a heavy tax was collected on the delivery of correspondence, a tax that still survives in a modified ratio, on correspondence not prepaid. By the use of the postage stamp this tax was abolished and correspondence is now by its means wholly exempt from taxation. Hence the correct application of the Greek word.

COMMEMORATIVE SERIES FOR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

By M. D. Senior.

With the new set for this country not yet in circulation, the Dominican Government has already authorized the issue of a new series to commemorate the founding of Santo Domingo City, which is the capital of the Dominican Republic.

As your readers are aware, Santo Domingo was one of the first islands visited by Columbus in his voyage of Discovery, and was at that time named "La Espanola"; the capital was founded in 1502, and ranks therefore among the oldest cities in the Western Hemisphere. History bears repetition, and in this instance will explain the reasons for the designs selected. Like all old Spanish towns, Santo Domingo City was walled in, to keep out invaders, and had one large barricaded door, allowing egress to the interior of the island. This door was called the "Puerta del Conde," or "Balnarte del Conde," and still stands though the walls have long ago disappeared.

In later years, on this parapet or door, General Mella fired the first shot in their war for Independence against Spain. He and Generals Duarte and Sanchez are the liberators of the country, and their pictures adorn the centre of these new stamps. This issue is in two colors; the central pictures, or vignettes, are all in black on white and surrounded by different coloured frames for each value. There are ordered 60,000 stamps of each of the following values:

1c. Green.
2c. Red.
5c. Dark-blue.
10c. Yellow-ochre.
12c. Violet.
20c. Light-grey.
50c. Bronze.

The central design of the 1c. and 10c. is the picture of Gen. Sanchez, of the 2c. and 5c. Gen. Duarte, of the 12c. and 20c. Gen. Mella, and of the 50c. the "Puerta del Conde."

Besides the name of the country, in the frame, and the numeral of values, in the lower corners, there is a label, with the motto "Serie Comemorativa"—"1502-1902."

There are also ordered 50,000 each of the following values, for official use:

2c. Vermilion-red.
5c. Dark-blue.
10c. Light-green.
20c. Yellow.

The central design, being the "Puerta del Conde," and besides the country's name and numerals of value, have the following inscription: "27 Febrero 1844 y 16 Agosto 1863"—"Oficial."

The frames for the whole issue, we are informed, are to be exact counterparts of those of the U. S. Columbian Issue.

This commemorative series will be first offered for sale on February 27, 1902, and will be retired on May 31, 1902, after which date it becomes demonetized.

Of the officials, it is decreed that 30,000 sets are to be laid aside, and delivered on the 1st June, 1902, to the Secretary of Public Works, to be sold, and the proceeds to be used in repairing and beautifying "Independence Square" at the capital.

The government decree for this issue, appears in the last Official Gazette I have just received from that country.

NEW YORK DOINGS.

Reported by M. D. Senior.

We have had two good auction sales lately. At Geo. Tuttle's sale, the first issue of Hayti, 5 and 20 cts., in blocks of four, unused, o. g. brought the star price of the sale. Mr. Alex. Holland purchased both blocks, paying double catalogue value for the first, and $10.25 a piece for the latter,

which is about 80 per cent. over catalogue.

We understand Mr. Holland's collection of Haytis, is now complete in blocks.

The Scott & Dieschbourg sale, was also an unqualified success, as far as prices go, the sale netting a little over half catalogue. Some handsome copies of Double Genevas, Vauds, etc., were among the lot.

A WARNING.

Bela Szekula and His Business Methods.

Last July I received unsolicited from this individual a quantity of worthless, demonetized Servian 1 dinar stamps, for which he wanted a page of advertising space. As my advertisers all pay in cash or its equivalent, I returned this stuff the same day it was received and suggested a cash remittance. In the mean time I wrote to the parties named by him as reference the N. E. Stamp Co. and others, and was informed that such reference was unauthorized, and they refused to permit their names to appear in his ads. Under such circumstances I declined to insert the ad. at any price. I have since received the following impertinent bluff on a post card.

Budapest, Oct. 23, 1901.

Sir:—On July 10th, I sent you stamps value 30/- but up till now you have not responded yet to my demand. If you waut to evite a lot of bother please insert my adv. as requested, that I may not be forced to put your name on the black list.

Szekula.

I notice that this individual is pursuing the same tactics towards Mr. Wolseiffer, and has met with a well merited response from that gentleman. Dealers and collectors should be cautious in any transactions with him.

W. James Wurtele.

CREAM OF THE MAGAZINES.

A Patched Sheet of New Zealand Stamps.

Fortnightly readers will remember our story of the frugal French postmaster who skilfully patched a torn sheet of low-value postage stamps. That feat is matched by a case just brought to our notice by Mr. Rosenberg, of Woodville, New Zealand. From this gentleman we have received a corner block of four stamps of the New Zealand 3d. "Lina-bird" issue. In this case, for some reason, the perpendicular row of stamps to the left of the sheet has been removed, and a fresh row of stamps of a rather different shade inserted in its place. There is a neat patching at the back of the sheet by means of narrow strips of gummed paper. What the object could have been for this substitution, Mr. Rosenberg is unable to guess. He bought the stamps as sent to us at the Woodville Post Office. What makes the matter still more curious, is the fact that the inserted strip of stamps has been reperforated in order to make it appear, at first glance, part and parcel of the sheet. None but a philatelist would have given the phenomenon a second thought. It looks as though somebody in the New Zealand postal department, gifted with deft fingers (but not blessed with a very keen eye for colour), had gone to extraordinary pains to make good a damaged sheet of stamps.—*S. C. Fortnightly.*

Bangkok Stamps.

The Kingdom of Siam not having a proper postal system up to 1882, all correspondence was sent by trading vessels to Singapore, the nearest port in regular mail communication with all parts of the world, and franked there, a system which was most unsatisfactory and led to the loss of many letters. There were several large rice mills in the city, causing a very extensive trade with Europe and other parts, and it was principally in consequence of the appeal or request made by these traders that the British Consul at Bangkok instituted a regular postal service from Bangkok down the Menam River to Singapore.

Letters had to be taken to the post office, which was within the precincts of the British Consulate, and stamped there, and they were despatched at regular intervals by couriers to Singapore.

The British Consul contemplated using the stamps of the Straits Settlements for the purposes of this service (no doubt considering it as dependant upon that of the Straits Settlements, and following the precedent set in the Levant and elsewhere). The King of Siam, however, is said to have made a representation to the effect that the franking of letters in his dominions with stamps bearing the head of the Queen would apparently signify that Siam was a dependency of the British Empire. As in local circles it was then fully expected that this would shortly happen, the British Consul declined to withdraw the stamps, but met the King's wishes half way by having them surcharged with a "B," showing that they were for special use in Bangkok. It is quite possible that some stamps without this surcharge may have been used at the commencement, but we have failed to obtain any official proof of this.

All the stamps were surcharged at Singapore.

The stamps of Bangkok were superseded on January 1st, 1886, by the stamps of Siam.—*S. G. Monthly Journal.*

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The German Post Office threatens an innovation which will affect correspondence; it is proposed to make it compulsory to use envelopes of a special size. The variety of sizes, especially in letters from Great Britain, causes loss of time to the German postal authorities in the stamping of postmarks, and they intend to put an end to it.—*Pearson's Weekly.*

PUBLISHER'S NOTICES.

It is not often that a collector has a chance to fill up his vacancies in the way of Cape of Good Hope. triangulars, at a low price. This month Mr. Fredk. R. Ginn (whose ads have appeared inside the FRONT cover for a long time) offers to the readers of the MONTREAL PHILATELIST an excellent chance to fill up on old Capes. Mr. Ginn also publishes a neat price list, and it would pay you to send for it.

Old Ceylons from Mr. Geo. C. Ginn.

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Canadian collectors should give a good share of their patronage to Canadian dealers. Satisfaction is guaranteed to the readers of the MONTREAL PHILATELIST by any of the following dealers doing business in Canada. T. S. Clark, Century Stamp Co., Beaver Stamp Co., International Stamp Co., Atlas Stamp and Publishing Co., J. H. Jost, E. M. Atmore, Crown Stamp Co., A. C. Roussel, Regina Stamp Co.

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION HAS EXPIRED.

If there is an account in your paper this month, it means that your subscription has expired. Those remitting this month will have their subscription dated from January, the December number and a newly issued stamp being sent free. Those not renewing by December 15th, will be struck off the list.

IMPORTANT TO EXPIRING SUBSCRIBERS. —Subscriptions should be renewed promptly, as the MONTREAL PHILATELIST is stopped as soon as a subscription expires and no further numbers sent until renewal is received.

DECEMBER, 1901.

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Secretary's Report,

NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED.

219. B. Jay; 220. M. T. Hunter; 221. A. F. Wicks; 222. C. W. Bell; 223. Rev. W. H. Langille; 224. Thos. F. Chamberlain.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

225. R. F. Wrigley, 293 King St., West Toronto, Ont., blank book ruler. Ref., H. A. Chapman, W. Willey.

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231. Clarence Small, Moravia, N.Y., clerk. Ref. John Patterson, Wm. Fitts.

232. William Fitts, Moravia, New York, asst. cashier in Bank. Ref. John W. Patterson, H. Smith.

As promised last month the Secretary furnishes herewith a list of those kindly-meaning but forgetful members who have not sent in their dues for the year which is now on. Here followeth the list:—

Society No.—8, V. Ruggeri; 11, W. Russell Brown; 37, W. H. Bruce; 41, A. H. Mayers; 44, J. A. Craig; 46, Daniel J. Reilly; 47, Silas Chapman, Jr.; 55, Fred Fuessel; 57, B. L. Brosseau; 62, A. Herbst; 69, Chas S. Sheldon; 75, R. C. Parsons; 76, Geo. F. Downes; 80, W. W. Brewis; 81, Ed. F. Hart; 86, Jos. B. Feigel; 87, Alfred S. Houghton; 88, Chas. F. Stasch; 92, A. C. Telfer; 94, T. S. Clark; 101, W. H. Winslow; 106, S. A. Bedford; 108, F. G. Voss, Jr.; 110, Hugh Millar; 112, W. J. Paul Sweeney; 113, J. F. Johnson; 116,

Edward W. Pilot; 119, Mrs. A. R. Oughtred; 120, A. B. McBride; 123, C. Wesley Price; 124, F. Noyes; 125, Otto Weismann; 126, W. J. Allan; 127, Sidney Gibbs; 128, F. D. Hormusji; 132, Rev. Prof. Schaller; 136, Fred B. Filsinger; 138, M. Tausig; 139, Juan A. Vodesta, 140, Chas. L. F. Arden; 142, Frank Burnett; 143, W. R. Gowie; 148, E. W. Stanton; 155, Ralph G. Wayth Gosset; 157, C. S. Woodling; 158, B. F. Dobranich; 159, P. M. Wolsieffer; 160, Herbert A. Croll; 162, David O. Clark; 163, R. S. Godfrey; 165, R. Newton Johns; 166, Oscar F. Anderson; 168, J. Costa; 170, W. Ernest Irving; 171, H. W. Browne; 173, W. W. Dewing; 174, Geo. Schofield; 175, C. W. Eman; 181, Clifford W. Kissinger; 183, A. Knowles; 186, D. C. Evans; 187, Meta E. Garman: 189, W. J. Allan; 190, Vahan M. Essayan; 191, Jesse A. Buel; 192, J. L. Bartlam; 195, Willard P. Colman; 197, R. B. Brown; 199, H. D. Feast; 200, Wm. Noftall; 202, Geo. A. McIntyre; 203, S. Ward Huntington; 204, Jaimes Mas; 209, C. E. Crouch; 210, W. H. Schmalz; 212, J. S. Bolton.

The above members will not receive any further numbers of the official organ or be allowed to participate in the exchange department till re-instated by payment of current year's dues.

The following have Resigned:—No. 84, Wm. A. P. Smith; 141, E. T. Leach; 60, W. D. Eldredge; 98, J. P. Vasque; 118, Harold Loveland.

The following have been dropped as being over 8 months in arrears:—No. 2, A. F. Waters; 17, Frank Cooper; 24, F. Stearns; 25, H. A Crosby; 38, A. L. Austin; 39, S. H. Brosseau; 40, S. P. Lev; 49, E. MacGillvray; 59, H. H. V. Koelle; 61, J. S. Dalton; 64, A. W. Sykes; 66, Arthur Pageau; 67, Wilson Tyas; 70, H. W. Bulley; 71, R. A. Brosseau; 74, W. E. Beckhelm; 77, Geo. M. Fellows; 79, Fred J. Garratty; 83, Sidney H. Barnes; 85, Herbert Clark; 95, A. F. Allen; 97, Clarence Downes; 103, F. E. Bennett; 111, Mrs. L. B. Elliott; 117, Frank C. S. Turner; 122, Wilber Eddy; 133, W. S. Falls.

Any of the above wishing to rejoin will have to make a new application.

CHAS. H. FOWLE,
Secty.-Treas.

Medford, Mass., U.S.A.

AUCTION DEPARTMENT.

New Carlisle, P.Q., Oct. 5th, 1901.

To Members of C.P.S.

I am pleased to be able this month to bring before you my second Auction Sale, and, I think, the largest in the history of our Society. I heartily thank all members, who have responded so willingly to my request last month in sending stamps for this sale. There are many good things offered this month, and I trust all members, and others not in our Society, shall bid liberally. Stamps are in fine condition unless otherwise stated.

Next sale in December, so kindly send in lots in time, Bid by No. of lot; successful bidders notified, when prompt remittance is expected.

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5.	1 Canada stamped envelope, 5c. vermilion, used.....		.70
6.	1 U.S. Inter Revenue 4c. Proprietary, violet.....	.20	
7.	1 U.S. Inter Revenue 50c. Lease, blue.....	.1[illegible]	
8.	1 France 25c., Ultramarine Type, 1 rare.....	.65	
9.	1 U.S. Postage 1862, 15c. black, Lincoln.....	45	
10.	1 U.S. Postage 1870. 12c. violet	.40	
11.	3 copies Nova Scotia 5c. blue, used, fine, bid on each accepted		
12.	1 U.S. 90c. Treasury, brown.....		
13.	100 mixed British Colonial stamps		
14.	100 mixed South American "		
15.	75 mixed Newfoundland, 13 var. good lot.....	2.50	
16.	5 sets Switzerland, 7 var. each, unused.....		
17.	4 sets Victoria, 9 var. each, ½d.-1s. fine.....		
18.	3 sets Argentina, 10 var. each.		
19.	5 sets Bosnia, 9 var. each, retails 20c. set.....		
20.	2 sets C. of G. Hope, 9 var. each, ½d.-1s.....		
21.	1 set Honduras, 11 var. 1891, retails 50c.....		
22.	2 sets Honduras, 7 var. 1878, retails 50c.....		
23.	1 set Salvador, 10 var. 1894, retails 50c.....		
24.	4 sets Chili, 7 var. each, 1-50c. fine		
25.	2 sets S. Wales 9 var. each, retails 20c. each.....		
26.	10 sets Costa Rica, 6 var. each, 1—50c.....		
27.	4 sets Labuan, 4 var. each. 1894, retails 12c. each.....		
28.	5 sets Ecuador, 4 var. each, 1892, unused.....		
29.	1 pair Canada 15c. lilac, 1868, unused, catalogue.....per pair.	1.00	.50
30.	Canada 1892, unused, 20c. vermilion, and 50c. blue, unused..	.85	.40
31.	Canada 1868, ½c. unused.....		
32.	Bahamas, used and unused, 1d.-1s. 6 var.....	.55	.25
33.	St. Helena, Scotts (No. 15, 59th Catalogue) 2d on 6d. yellow..	3.00	1.50
34.	Bahamas 1882, 1d. used and unused, 2 var.....	.55	.25
35.	Barbados 1871, 4d. red, Scotts 59th, No. 30.....	6.00	3.00
36.	Prince Edward Island 1865, 2d, 3d. and 4d. unused.....	.48	
37.	Canada 1868, 6c. brown, unused, very slight tear in lower corner	2.00	.50
38.	New Brunswick 1c. 1860, used, corner slightly torn.....	1.00	.25
39.	31 diff. Foreign, used.....	1.[illegible]	
40.	1 New Zealand 1890, 2d. Railway Newspaper.....		
41.	1 pair 4c, U.S. Columbian, unused.....		

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1901. White paper, perf. 11½
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20 " orange..... 08
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10 " on 20 p., black on carmine 04
3 dinar rose 80
5 " purple 1.35
1896. *Granite paper, perf*, 13 x 13½
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ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

AUSTRIA.—(*Surcharged current set*).—The current issue has lately appeared with a peculiar surcharge of diagonal bars, printed in what appears to be a yellowish varnish. It is supposed that this is a device to prevent fraudulent washing of post-marked stamps. The values from 1 to 50 hellers have been seen with this surcharge.

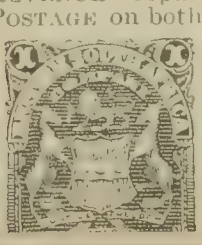
BAHAMAS.—(*Pictorial 1d envelope*).—On the authority of a German paper *Ewen's Weekly* reports a 1d envelope with stamp in red similar in design to the new pictorial adhesive.

BOLIVAR—(*Remainders of 1879 and 1882 issues*).—Sets of Bolivar unused, original gum, of 1879 and 1882 are being offered to dealers much below face value.

BOLIVIA.—(*1 centavo in new color*). *Mekeel's Weekly* reports receiving a 1c stamp in brown-violet but gives no details as to design. In our May number, we announced the probability of a set with a different design for each value, none of these have yet appeared, it may be that the 1c is the advance guard of this new issue. (*2c, 5c and 2 b of new set*).—Since the above was in type we learn that our surmise is correct, and that the 2c green 5c red and 2 bolivianos brown have been issued, also a 5c envelope. Further details next month.

BOSNIA.—(*35 heller stamp*).—The current set has been increased by the issue of a set of 35 hellers, blue, with corner figures in black. We are informed that in future the figures of all values of 20 hellers and over are to be printed in black.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—(*10c Postage and Revenue*).—*Ewen's Weekly* lists the 10c lilac and green inscribed POSTAGE AND REVENUE replacing that value with POSTAGE on both sides.



BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.—(*7s. 6d. stamp*).—Another high value of the current type has been issued 7s. 6d. black.—*Ewen's Weekly* also announces a 10s of the same type in pale bluish

CHILI.—(*The new set*).—In our August number, we reported the news of a new set contracted for by the American Bank Note Co. The stamps were to be ready in September, but they do not appear to have been issued till about a month later. We illustrate the 5c blue a copy of which was kindly sent, under date of Oct. 25th by Mr. Santiago Scott, of Valparaiso. Our correspondent does not state whether the other values of the set have yet appeared.

COLOMBIA.—(*More provisionals*).—Mr. Senior sends us specimens of two more provisional 1c and 2c roughly drawn and printed, of somewhat similar design to those illustrated last month. The 1c is in pale blue and the 2c in brown; they are printed in sheets of 5 panes of 20 stamps each; rough pin perforation. They are surcharged in red by a hand stamp, with a string of chain links 98 M.M. long: one printing of this hand stamp extends over five stamps. (*Antioquia provisionals.*) Two type set provisionals are illustrated by the *Am. J. of Ph.* 1c. carmine on ordinary white paper, and a 2½c lilac, the latter inscribed on each side RETARDO, which would indicate its use as a "Too-late" stamp.

COOK ISLANDS.—(*1d. reported surcharged*).—Mr. H. Bolitho, under date Nov. 9th writes: "You can list the 1d. brown Cook Islands, Queen's head, surcharged with a black crown. I have no particulars as yet, but some came through last mail so surcharged." Perhaps this may turn out to be a new post-mark.

CRETE.—(*The pretended unpaid 5 dr.*)—In our August number we reported a 5 drachma unpaid letter stamp with head of Mercury to right; it now turns out that this is a bogus stamp manufactured and put upon the market along with genuine unpaid letter stamps, by some swindler.

ECUADOR.—(*Demonetization of obsolete ues.*)—The Ecuador Government an-

nounces a sale by auction on January 15th of all remaining stock of obsolete issues.

GOLD COAST.—(*Provisional 1d.*)—*Ewen's Weekly* reports the current 6d. lilac and mauve surcharged ONE PENNY. Another reported surcharge is ONE PENNY on the 2½d lilac and blue, and it is stated that as in the case of Seychelles all the remaining stock of Queen's heads is to be cleared out by surcharging to make room for a new issue of King Edward stamps in January.

GUATEMALA.—(*More provisionals*).—A correspondent of *Mekeel's Weekly* announces that the promised pictorial set which we reported in our June number, is not to appear till March next, meanwhile surcharging of old stock goes on. Revenue stamps are now being made into postage stamps by the surcharge CORREOS NACIONALES, 1901, and a new value where the former value was too high for postal duty. 5 centavos has been surcharged in black on 1 peso rose, 10c on 50c orange, and 50c on 10 pesos green. The 1c blue revenue stamp has also been surcharged in red but without any change of value.

HUNGARY.—(*Re-issue of the 6 filler*).—The 6 filler of the current type originally issued in brown lilac, but withdrawn from circulation some months ago, has been lately re-issued in olive-yellow.

LEEWARD ISLANDS. — (*King Edward stamps ordered*).—By an order-in-council, dated September 3rd, it was directed that a set of postage and revenue stamps with head of King Edward shall be issued on or about January 1st, the values to be ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., 1s., 2s. 6d., and 5s. Post-cards, ½d. and 1d., single and reply. Wrappers, ½d. and 1d., Envelopes, 1d. and 2½d and registration envelopes. We shall probably hear of similar issues from all the other colonies shortly.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—(*New 2c post card*).—The first King Edward post card has appeared from the ancient colony. In design and inscription it is the same as that issued in 1880, but the 2c stamp of 1897 replaces the portrait of Queen Victoria.

PARAGUAY.—(*A new 1 peso*).—The *Am. J. of Ph.* reports the issue of a 1 peso slate of the same general design as the stamps of the 1892 issue. We learn from *L'Echo de la T.*, that the new stamp bears the portrait of General Eguzquiza. It replaces the 1 p. olive of the figure type of 1892.

REUNION.—(*Provisional, 5c and 15c*).—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* reports the issue on September 28th of 50,000 each, 5c on 40c, 5c on 50c, 15c on 75c and 15c on 1 fr. They were required owing to the 5c and 15c values becoming exhausted, and delay in getting a fresh supply ordered some months back from the minister of the Colonies, Paris.

ST-PIERRE AND MIQUELON. — *Parcel Post Stamp, 10c.*)—The current 10c adhesive has been surcharged COLIS POSTAUX to be used for packets sent by parcel post.

SERVIA.—(*Provisional 15 paras*).—The plate of the 15 par. lilac, having become useless from wear, and a considerable surplus stock of the 1 dinar red on blue remaining on hand, it was decided to surcharge the latter with the lower value in black ink. A provisional 15 par. consequently made its appearance September 29th.

REVIEWS.

We have received for review a copy of the third edition of Whitfield, King & Co.'s "Universal Standard Catalogue of the Postage Stamps of the World," which comprises all postage stamps known to be issued to the end of October, and gives the market value of each. The work is certainly "up-to-date," including the new issues of Bulgaria, Italy, Newfoundland 4c., etc., listed only last month.

The following statistics, compiled from the catalogue, may not be uninteresting. The figures comprise only standard varieties of postage stamps and do not include postcards, letter cards, stamped envelopes or wrappers. All minor varieties of perforation, paper and shade also are not catalogued.

The total number of all known postage stamps issued by all the Governments of the world up to the present time is 16,081.

Of this number, 141 have been issued in Great Britain, and 4,342 in the various British Colonies and Protectorates, leaving 11,739 for the rest of the world. Dividing the totals amongst the Continents, Europe issued 3,823, Asia 2,966, Africa 2,775, America, including the West Indies, 5,268, and Oceania, 1,249. A comparison of these figures with those published in April, 1900. will show that 1,455 new varieties of stamps have been issued throughout the world in the space of eighteen months.

The Republic of Salvador has issued more varieties of postage stamps than any other country, the number being 403. Next in order comes the United States with 303, Spain with 293, followed by Nicaragua with 279, the Philippines 228, Uruguay 221, Victoria 220, Cuba 217, and Mexico 214.

Boyaca, Poland, Tierra del Fuego and Wadhwan have each found a solitary specimen suffice for their postal needs.

The published price of the book is 1s 3d, or interleaved and bound in cloth, gilt, 3s 6d. It can be supplied by our publishers at 40c. duty paid in Canada, or $1.10 for the interleaved edition.

We have to thank the publishers for a copy of the American edition of "Stanley Gibbons' Priced Catalogue of the Stamps of the British Empire." This edition is exactly the same as

the English one, recently noticed, except that the prices are quoted in American currency at $4.85 to the pound. To secure uniformity of pricing with the English edition, the unit in the catalogue is 2 cents, consequently many curious figures appear. Stamps priced at 1, 3 and 5 cents in Scott, are given at 2, 4 and 6 cents, but for stamps over 1 shilling in value the difference is in favor of the American buyer, thus a 25c. stamp becomes 24c, 50c becomes 48c, $1.25 is $1.21, and so on. There has already been a very large sale of this catalogue, which will certainly mean a largely increased American business for the enterprising publishers.

MY INTERVIEW WITH THE ROYAL PHILATELIST.

Being requested to give an account of my interview with His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall and York, now the Prince of Wales, on the royal yacht "Ophir," during his recent visit, I will try to make it interesting reading. Knowing that the Prince is interested in stamps, I addressed a letter to him at Quebec, and received a reply through his A.D.C., that if time and opportunity would permit he would be pleased to see my collection. An appointment was made at Halifax, and with my collection I went to H. M. Dockyard. Perhaps some of your readers have had experience in getting into the place named. I had gone about three yards beyond the gate when I was brought up with a "Where are you going?" "On the 'Ophir,'" I replied. "You cannot get in here." I explained my business, but received the same reply. "Well, where can I get in?" "Oh, well, perhaps you had better go." When I returned the same person saluted me. (Wonder if I looked different.) On the wharf it was just the other way. A red coat was on guard, but did not take any notice. I was presented to Commander P. Godfrey Faussett, who made me feel at ease at once. In speaking of the trip through the Rocky Mountains, he said that the scenery exceeded that of Switzerland, which he has seen, and that the trip was very much enjoyed. This was pleasant for a Canadian to hear. While waiting I was shown the two cows which have supplied the royal milk for the entire sea trip. They shall, no doubt, be well looked after when the journey ends, and shall not depart this life by violence. They deserve a happy life and a peaceful termination.

I presume it was in the Prince's private reading room that I was presented to His Royal Highness, who received me in the most cordial manner possible. I, of course, cannot tell all that was said during the interview, but the Prince was pleased with the arrangement and different shades of stamps in my collection. He was much pleased with the design of the Jubilee stamps. Canada stands alone with this design. The Prince collects British colonies only, and must have a very fine collection. Among others that were mentioned was an unsevered, unused, pair of Vancouver's Island 5c. imperf. He also has a fine lot of unused Canadian ½, 3, 6, 7½, 10 and 12d., ½, 3 and 6d. perf. His Jubilees are in blocks of four. New Brunswick, Connell, 5c.,. etc., etc.

The interlview, which was quite informal, lasted about an hour. With a mutual hobby to talk about I did not think of the great honor conferred until it was all over.

His Royal Highness is, no doubt, an enthusiastic stamp collector.

On the same date the Duke of Teck missed a valuable watch from the "Ophir." Some of my friends were cruel enough to ask what kind of a watch I was wearing now. It was rather a slur on Halifax, and the city was greatly relieved in reading a dispatch from St. John's, Newfoundland, to the effect that the watch had been found put away too carefully. The item was headed, "Teck Found His Ticker."

H. L. Hart.

SOUTH AFRICAN STAMP NOTES.

(By H. Rudd, Cape Town.)

A stamp dealer at Kimberley has just been found guilty, at the Criminal Assizes, of forging "Mafeking Besieged Stamps." It appears he had two date obliterating stamps, similar to those used during the siege of Mafeking, and with different dates, made by a local engraver, representing he had quantites of "Mafeking" stamps, which he wanted to obliterate. The type, Mafeking Besieged, and face value, was, in every respect, identical with that used for the original stamps. The market is, no doubt, polluted with these forgeries, which are in some way accountable, no doubt, for the fall in prices. I am enclosing a specimen of the new issue of ½d. green Cape of Good Hope Postcard, the issue of which does not appear to have been previously chronicled by you. It will be seen that it is much larger than the old issue. It is, however, printed on thinner paper.

(Note.—As Mr. Rudd forgot to enclose this new card, we are unable to give further details.—Ed. M. P.)

EDITORIAL.

NOTES ON CANADA STAMPS.

In regard to the so-called re-engraved current Canadian, the *Adhesive* claims that some are wider than former emissions, and asks if the paper has inflated sideways. We have not seen any with the design wider than 18 m.m., the normal width though some come ½ m.m., narrower the latter being, all of the normal length 21½ m.m. If the *Adhesive* has any wider than 18 m.m., we would like to see them, those narrower can be accounted for in the manner explained in our October number.

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Our esteemed contemporary the *Canada Stamp Sheet* asks "why should the 6c numeral, 1898, postage stamp of Canada be so hard to get?" The reason is very simple, the stamp was issued in September, 1898, a three months supply of about 75,000 was probably, all that were ever printed, though the post-office department has never given out the exact figures. This value was almost exclusively used for double weight domestic and U. S. letters, and when on January 1st, 1899, the single rate was reduced to 2 cents, it was withdrawn from issue, and orders given to all postmasters, that no more were to be sold till the supply of the 3c value was exhausted. As considerable quantities of the 1897, 6 cents, without numerals, remainded in the smaller post offices at the time, the 1898 6c was issued, the latter was never on sale except in the larger offices, and when in the summer of 1899, the sale of the 6 cents value was again permitted, it was mostly the four leaf issue that remainded to be disposed of. As no further printings of 6 cent stamps have taken place, the 1897 issue, though higher priced in the catalogues, is a much commoner stamp used or unused than the 6c, numerals, which had practically only a limited career of about four months. Speculators, not aware of what was going on, never purchased the stamp in large quantities to hold, consequently the majority issued have been used. In fine unused condition, it is considerably rarer than 6c Jubilee, and should be catalogued higher, though used it is much commoner.

MORE PROVISIONALS FOR THE COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC.

(By M. D. Senior.)

The presses in the Republic of Colombia are running on record time and turning out new provisionals in bewildering profusion.

The last issue of 1 and 2 cents, chronicled and illustrated in the October and November numbers of this paper, is barely weeks old, and yet, we are already inflicted with a new series of the same values, differing slightly in design, but of the same poor, rough workmanship and finsh as their predecessors.

Bogota, the capital of this Republic, is situated far back in the interior, and is very distant from the seaports of the country, and when in the first stages of the Revolution that began eighteen months ago and is still raging, the river boats were either seized by the Government or destroyed in the battles with the revolutionary forces, the most important means of communication between these cities was eliminated. The roving revolutionary bands, running over the country, made land communication unsafe and even impossible, and hence, most of the seaports and cities have been completely isolated for months and cut off from their base of supply.

We can understand that this situation might create a real need for provisionals to replace values that may run out. But when these issues occur at unnecessarily short intervals, and immediately appear in quantities in the Philatelic market, well may we analyze the conditions surrounding their appearance and ascertain therefrom their true character.

We would have to deal at the outset with the currency of that country; it has so deprecited, that—well—suffice it to say, the equivalent of one of their dollars in our coin, would not pay postage on a single letter across the ocean; this situation, by the way, was created by the Government itself, which for years back, has been emitting paper money and notes, indiscriminately, without depositing the equivalent in bullion, to guarantee their ultimate redemption, and which condition was one of the principal causes that led to the revolution. When, therefore, the first lots of provisionals, though sold, here and abroad, much below face value, still netted the consignors large profits over cost, in their currency, the motive was provided for a "provisional fever," and likely the cupidity aroused, of the parties in power, who (sometimes without authority, like the Postmaster of Tuma-

co, who was dismissed) issued stamps on their own account and did a land office business for a while.

Incidentally with these issues, the so-called stamp exporters of that country, in daily increasing numbers, have been sending consignments to every dealer and collector in this land and abroad, and necessarily their wares are being hawked about at name-your-own-price figures. From one of these gentry I received a letter, which sizes the situation in a nutshell, and makes interesting reading. It says:—"Of the new issue 200,000 has been printed. Regret I could not obtain any to send you. On being informed the authorities had decreed only 2,000 could be sold to any one individual, I made my application, but found eighty applicants ahead of me, and all the issue gone. They have made their fortune, and are already asking from the exporters five times what they paid for them, etc., etc."

The above needs no comment—it speaks for itself. Eventually this trash will find a resting place in the cheap premium packets.

The habit of indiscriminate issue of values, by the Government, must have pervaded the Post Office Department, and as I glance at the surcharge of chain links, on this issue, I surmise the beneficiaries had in mind, the profits from an endless chain system in provisionals.

LETTERS FROM OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

Your paper is becoming better with each issue, and we wish you the best of success.

In the article, "Philately in Canada," we can agree with you in every point.

We are at present endeavoring to start a local society in London. We have over 250 good philatelists here. Surely it ought to be a grand success if properly manipulated. We may write you at a later day re this. Again wishing you success,

Yours sincerely,

London, Ont. VICTORIA STAMP CO.

Am glad to see you are exposing Bela, Szekula. Nearly a year ago I sent this man a large assortment of Canada stamps. He sent exchange in mostly common Hungary, Austria, Turkey, etc., and billed me with a balance due him of about $10.00. Not thinking proper to send him either amount or stamps to balance, he has used my name in black lists of several papers and sued for amount. Of course I have taken no notice of any of his threats. Respectfully yours,

London, Ont. A. F. WICKS.

DESCRIPTION OF MY COLLECTION WITH A FEW COMMENTS.

BY H. L. HART.

Perhaps few have thought of the vast difference between a special collection and the ordinary "one of each stamp" kind. With the former, unused, used, shades, pairs, blocks strips, entire sheets, and on original envelopes multiply to an enormous extent. It also teaches in what shape a stamp is most rare. As for instance the Nova Scotia 1d. is not very hard to get used, but a single stamp on the original is almost unobtainable. The same applies to the 8½c. An ordinary collector would have about 225 varieties of British North American stamps, while I have over 4,000 and still want some unused and used on original envelopes. This is my third collection, I retailed the first one of British Colonies for about $700. The second of B.N.A., I sold to a collector in Maine for quite a sum.

I fear the first part of this description will be dry reading but trust the description of the provisionals, etc., of N.S. and P.E.I., will repay for the lack of the first part. Of course my collection is mounted in a blank album with detachable leaves.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND VANCOUVER ISLAND.

The 5 and 10c imperf., are both used, the former having a margin on the left side showing part of the next stamp. Have five shades of the 5c perf., with a fine unused one, besides a strip of four and a single on one envelope, another single with a 10c U.S. envelope with Wells Fargo & Co., Paid, between the two stamps.

The 3d are in two distinct shades, light and dark blue, have a fine pair of the former, and strips of both on

two separate envelopes. Have all the others of this country as per S.G. Co's. catalogue.

Canada.

Four 3d, five 6d, and the 12d, on laid paper. The first 12d I obtained was through advertising, I paid a good figure for it, but the stamp was a beauty, full margins lightly cancelled, and out of the ordinary rule with scarce stamps. Between thick and thin paper I have no less than thirty-four 3d on wove paper, including one unused. The thin and thick papers of the 6 and 10d are represented by fine copies, both papers are extreme. The 6d pref., is well centred and lightly cancelled, have also a 3d perf., unused. Of the latter have a fine unsevered pair on original envelope, also a strip of four and a pair of ½d imperf., on one envelope.

Strange to say my first 7½d came in an unsevered pair, they have passed out of my hands long ago, and I have now to be content with two severed ones.

I have a 3d perf., 14, but as it was obtained at auction and not guaranteed, have my doubts about it.

In the 1859-64 issue have two fine shades of the 2c unused, also a dark and light blue 17c in same condition, an unsevered pair of 12½c yellow green, but found it very hard to get the single blue green *unused*. Used I have a fine block of four each of the 12½ and 17c, also a pair and strip of 3 of the latter. I do not know if the 2, 12½ and 17c of this issue or originals are scarce in Upper Canada, but I look upon those that I have as very rare. The 2c is used with a 1c to make 3c and is the only one I have seen used on original, the 12½c a pair, and the 17c single, addressed to England.

In the 1868 issue I have the 1c on laid paper unused, 2c on wmkd. paper same condition, 12½c blue in blocks and shades numbering 58, making a very fine page. I found the dark blue very hard to get unused.

I do not know of any low priced stamps so scarce as the 1c orange and 3c rose *unused*, of the 1869-72 issue. I have but three of these and secured them only after a lot of hunting.

There is not much of interest out of the ordinary in the balance of Canadian except a 1c red brown and 5c New Brunswick used no doubt after Confederation, for 6c, on part of envelope, and the officially sealed dead letter office stamp over the original torn end of envelope.

New Brunswick.

I have thirteen used shades of the 3d, a pair and 7½d, made of two and a half 3d, (carefully soaked off), toped with an unused with original gum. Seven 6d, all fine copies, a magnificent 1 shilling unused and another used. This page totals up a catalogue value of $542. I really believe the 6d New Brunswick to be rarer than 1sh. Nova Scotia, both are rare stamps, but I have seen less of the 6d than of the other during the last 12 years.

On the original envelopes, besides the numerous shades of the 3d, have a 3d provisional half of 6d, and the 7½d provisional, which I consider quite rare, a 6d and a half of 3d. Another peculiar provisional is a 3d and two separate halves of 3d, the sides reading thus: New Brunswick, three pence. In my first collection I had a fine copy of ¼ of 1 shilling used for 3d. I sold it for $30 and some years after seeing it offered at auction bid $75. It went for $125 and thus out of my sight.

The single 1c or original is scarce as is also the 2c in any shape, and I have yet to see a 17c. I can however show two 12½c used with three 1c brown, making 28c postage, also a 10c and two 2c. The blue green 5c unused, is priced at 5c, but it was eight years before I came across a single one, even the used are not common. Have but one of the olive green unused. and two 5c provisional ½ of 10c on original.

Newfoundland.

I have 1d's numbering 35, these are not all shades, but I do admire a block of 12 unused. The only 2d. scarlet is used with a 2c 1866 on yellowish paper on part of envelope (would this be a 3d provisional ?)

Of the 3d have no less then 99, only five are used two of which are on original envelopes and one is on wmkd. paper. One pair, a block of four and an entire sheet of eighty unused.

The scarlet vermilion show up fairly well, with two 4d, one 6d, unused and used 6½d single and pair of 8d, unused besides a used copy also a 1 shilling. With the 5d violet brown, both used and unused, makes a page of $468. Have but single copies of the 4, 6d and 1sh orange vermilion used. The 2d is in both unused and used. Have the 4d also on original.

A scarce provisional is half of 8d used for 4d. The stamp is cut perpendicularly and is of course on original envelope in fine condition.

The lake issues show up well. Four shades of the 2d unused and a used copy which is one of the rare stamps of B.N.A. Have in the 4d two entire sheets one on thick paper the other on thin and wmkd. Ten used copies a pair, also one and a half used for 6d, but unfortunately cut to shape leaving the envelope only on the back of the stamps. Have a 4d lake on original and another with a 1d to make 5d. *(Continued next month)*

The Canadian Philatelic Society.

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Secretary's Report,

NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED.

225, R. F. Wrigley; 226, H. W. Woodall; 227, W. A. Kouk; 228, Alfred Delgado; 229, C. H. Ridenour; 230, Chas. Atwood; 231, Clarence Small; 232, William Fitts. The addresses of Nos. 225 and 226 were given wrong in last number. 225 R. F. Wrigley, should be 293 King St. W., Toronto, Ont., and 226 H. W. Woodall, Deseronto, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

233, Fred E. Rogers, Hacienda de Tula, Estado de Vera Cruz, Mexico, via Alvarado. Ranchero. Ref., G. P. Le Grand, H. G. Holden.

234. H. L. Hart, 71 Gottingen St., Halifax, N.S., merchant. Refs., E. F. Wurtele and E. Y. Parkes.

235. Albert Durkee, 139 Adams St., Chicago, Ills., agent Chicago-Edison Co. References, G. P. LeGrand, C. W. Merriman.

The secretary has been catching it right and left for publishing names in delinquent list. He apologizes to all whose feelings were hurt, as no one was singled out, but most of all to the following five, whose dues were paid, three of them to other officers, and not turned in, and two overlooked. The five who should have been left out are:

119, Mrs. A. R. Oughtred.
120, A. B. McBride.
197, R. B. Brown.
159, P. M. Wolsieffer.
87, Alfred S. Houghton.

C. H. FOWLE, Sec.

Medford, Mass.

REPORT OF SUPT. OF SALES DEPARTMENT.

Now is the time that Collectors are paying most attention to their Collections and filling up the vacant spaces, and I wish again to call attention of Members of this Society to the Sales Department, which is still in most satisfactory working order.

During the last three weeks, eight circuits have been returned, and the books are being retired as fast as possible. Five new circuits have just been sent out, making fourteen at present in circulation.

There are many most desirable stamps on these circuits, and I feel sure that during the winter many great snaps can be picked up. I shall, therefore, be glad to have the names of any members who wish to have a share in them, that are not already on the list. I am promised a fine selection of stamps this season.

For information of members, I beg to state that the paragraph referring to Sales Department in last issue of the official organ was inserted unofficially. At the same time I shall be glad to see all dues paid up, in the interests of the Society.

H. SMITH,
Sales Supt.

Medford, 4th December, 1901.

AUCTION DEPARTMENT.

New Carlisle, P.Q., Dec. 10th, 1901.

To Members of C.P.S.

I would be pleased if all readers of this paper would give this department stronger support. There are many nice things offered this month, which can be had at your own price, so let every reader take advantage of this opportunity and bid liberally. All bids should reach me by the 7th of next month; shall be pleased to receive more lots for January sale from members.

G. P. LEGRAND, Auct. Mgr.

Lot No.		Cat. Value.	Res. Price.
1	1 fine copy Trinidad, 1 shilling, 1887 yellow. 59th	$1 50	
2	1 sheet 25 diff. foreign (good)	1.69	
3	Prince Edward Island. 2d and 3d used, slightly damaged	.65	$ .18
4	Prince Edward Island, 4c black and 4c green, used, damaged	.70	.20
5	Prince Edward Island, 1865, 1d yellow, used, damaged	2.50	.65
6	Prince Edward Island, 1865, 6d green, used, slightly damaged.	2.00	.50
7	Prince Edward Island, 1865, 9d lilac, damaged slightly	1.25	.35
8	Prince Edward Island, 1872, 2c used, light tear	1.00	.25
9	Prince Edward Island, 1872, 3c rose, damaged	1.00	.25
10	Prince Edward Island. 1872, 6c black, used, light tear & heavy cancelled	2.50	.65
11	Unused Canada. 8c blue, registered off centre	2.50	1.25
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NEWS OF THE MONTH

The year opens with the issue of the King Edward stamps in Great Britain, and a prospect of similar new issues from nearly every British Colony. We hear that the sales of the new stamps in England have been enormous; many post offices were sold out in a few hours. This will evidently be a record year in the annals of philately.

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ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

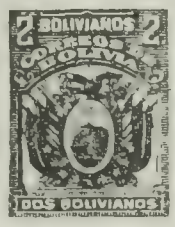
ABYSSINIA. — (*Provisional issue*). — When the current Abyssinian stamps were offered in complete sets in Paris much below face value, the same series remained on sale at the post offices of the Kingdom for postal purposes at their former prices. A new issue had been ordered from St. Petersburg and it was not supposed that the demonetized stamps would ever be used for postage. They soon found their way into the country, however, and the postal revenue suffered in consequence. To meet this contingency, the stamps sold at the post offices have now to be surcharged with a hand stamp ETHIOPIE and stamps without this overprint are not recognized. The full set, ½g to 16g, has been issued with the surcharge.

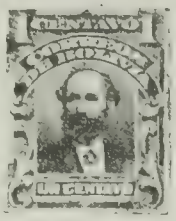
ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.-(*Official stamps*). A correspondent in Buenos Ayres informs us that a set of official stamps of special design was to appear December 1st, the series to consist of :—

1c grey.
2c brown.
5c vermilion.
10c green.
30c blue.
50c orange.

BAHAMAS.—(*A new set promised*).—It is reported that stamps of the value of 1d, 2½d, 4d, 6d, 1s, 5s and £1 bearing the King's head are to be issued this month, also 5d, 2s and 3s, with the "Queen's staircase" design.

BOLIVIA.—(*The new set*).—We illustrate the 1c violet and 2 bol brown, the lowest and highest values, of the new issue, the 2c green and 5c red have portraits of other





slightly different arrangement for each value. The 5c also appears lithographed in red on envelopes. Two other values, 10c blue and 20c violet with dark green centre, have so far only been issued on envelopes, but these values may also be expected as adhesives. Wrappers impressed in relief with a stamp of very similar design to that of the current Mexican envelopes have also been issued, 5c carmine and 6c orange. All the stamps of this issue are the work of the American Bank Note Co.

BRITISH NEW GUINEA.—(*Will be soon obsolete*).—We learn from the *Australian J. of Ph.* that the government of the Australian Commonwealth is to take over the administration of British New Guinea as soon as legislation to that effect can be put through parliament. The set of stamps described in our October number will, therefore, become obsolete upon the issue of the promised series for the Australian Federation.

BULGARIA.—(*Unpaid letter stamps*).—As a complement of the recently issued postage stamps, a series of unpaid letter stamps is in preparation.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—(*Provisional 8 cents*).—Mr. Huguenin has shown us a letter mailed at St. Thomas, Jan. 3rd, the postage on which was prepaid by what is apparently a new provisional stamp. It is the current 10c. brown and slate surcharged in three lines 8—CENTS—1902.

DUTCH INDIES.—(*New stamps and post cards*).—The low value stamps of Netherland (with figure in oval) have been adapted for this colonial possession, by altering the inscription to read NEDERLANDSCH-INDIE the following values—1 cent olive, 2

cent brown, 2½ cent green, 3 cent orange, 5 cent rose. The same type is also used for post cards, 5 cent rose on reddish and 7½ cent lilac on white with blue tint on one side.

GERMANY.—(*Change of inscription*).—An agreement between the postal departments of the Empire and that of Wurtemberg has been made, for a period of four years, commencing April 1st, 1902, by which the two postal systems are to be amalgamated. The Wurtemberg administration exacts that the inscription on postage stamps shall read DEUTSCHES REICH instead of REICHSPOST. The new wording will be adopted on stamps sold after April 1st and may first appear as a surcharge.

GREAT BRITAIN.—(*Edward VII.* ½d, 1d, 2½d *and* 6d).—The much heralded King's head issue made its appearance on New Year's day. Only four values—½d green, 1d carmine, 2½d blue and 6d lilac, all of the same design — have been issued as yet. Watermarked a crown.

LABUAN.—(*New values*, 10 *and* 16c).—The two new values described under the heading of North Borneo also appear with the surcharge LABUAN for this country.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—(*The reported new 2c. post card*)—Last month after the forms were made up a valued correspondent in Quebec informed us that new 2c post cards with the King's head had been issued, giving the information word for word as we published it. To make room for the item we had to take out another considered of lesser importance, again close the forms and get to press without delay. After the paper was printed we noticed that the 2c card of 1880 was the work of the British American Bank Note Co., while the current 2c stamp is made by the American Bank Note Co., and it occurred to us that a combination of the work of the two rival companies in one printing was scarcely possible. On further enquiry our Quebec correspondent informed us he had borrowed the information from the *Timbrophile Belge*, and sent it to us in haste, forgetting to mention its source. We have since ascertained that the 2c King's head cards do not exist; a neatly trimmed 2c adhesive was affixed on one of the Queen's head 2c cards, and so cleverly done as to deceive our Belgian contemporary, which reported it with an illustration as a new issue. We cannot too strongly impress on our correspondents the importance of stating in all cases the source of their information, especially when taken from a philatelic journal.

NORTH BORNEO.—(*10 and 16c values*).—Two more pictorial stamps have been added to the labels issued by the company that controls the administration of this

country. The 10 cents brown and grey violet depicts a bear on the branch of a tree, and the 16 cents dark green and brown presents a landscape in which a railway train figures as the prominent feature. Later on we may expect these stamps surcharged BRITISH PROTECTORATE and POSTAGE DUE in various positions to accommodate collectors of pretty pictures.

SURINAM.—(½ *cent stamp*).—The figure type of Netherlands, with altered inscriptions, is evidently to be adopted for the low value stamps of the Dutch colonies; a new value in this type, ½ cent lilac, has been issued with the inscription above SURINAME. We fancy the other values from 1c to 5c will also appear in this type as fast as old stock is used up.

TASMANIA.—(*The pictorial ½d.*)—We reported in our July number on the authority of an Australian paper that the issue of the ½d. pictorial was to be discontinued. The same journal now reports that there has been, only a temporary exhaustion of the stamp, and that there is no intention to withdraw it from use.

VICTORIA.—(£1 *and* £2 *stamps*).—In our June number we announced the prospective issue of high value stamps for correspondence posted in bulk having the King's head for design. The printing of the stamps has been delayed for various reasons, but the £1 carmine at last made its appearance about the end of November the £2 was to be issued, according to the *Australian J. of Ph.*, about Dec. 15th.

NEW ZEALAND NOTES.

(By H. BOLITHO, Auckland, N.Z.)

Since writing last, the 1d brown surcharged Cook Island has been all sold out. I sent to the Islands for several varieties of the stamps last mail and had my money returned, no stamps being in the Islands, all sent to New Zealand, either to be surcharged or the New Zealand stamps to be put into use there, I have not been able to find out which, but from what I have heard the stamps are being surcharged and will be sent to the Islands by the boat going at the end of this year. The new perforating machines are at work on the New Zealand stamps, and the stamps are just coming through from the G.P.O., Wellington, perf. 14. So I would advise you to stick to all Colonial prints, rough perf., you have on hand.

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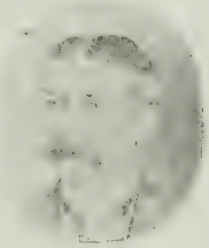

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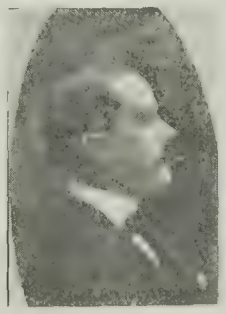

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EDITORIAL.

PHILATELICAL-POLITICAL ECONOMY.

Our English contemporary, *Stamps*, with true British bull-dog tenacity, holds on to its untenable position, namely, that the word "philately" means the collection of stamps because they represent taxation, and to maintain this absurd proposition it is forced into another absurdity, to the effect that postage is a TAX. We can only repeat that the collection or fondness of the representatives of taxation could be, and in the early days was, named PHILOTELY and that the term PHIL-ATELY does not, never did, and cannot apply. Major Evans' erroneous definition is of no more weight than that of the authority from which it is supposed to be taken, namely, the definition of the word as given by Mons. Herpin, its inventor. There we find the word was expressly chosen because postage stamps represented freedom from the heavy taxation that was placed upon correspondence before their introduction. The editor of *Stamps* classes himself amongst a coterie of "old fogies," whom he pretends were the inventors of the word nearly forty years ago, and hence professes to have a better idea as to its true meaning than we can have. This is a pretty piece of misappropriation of literary property. The word was not made by any coteries of "old fogies," the editor of *Stamps* had no share in its invention, and was not even consulted about its adoption. To Mons. Herpin belongs that honor, his original article on the subject defined its meaning and to that interpretation we adhere. In our August article we proved by contemporaneous writings that whatever meaning the word might acquire with "the roll of years," at the time of its introduction it had not the meaning now tacked on to it. Dr. Legrand, an authority on stamps equal to Major Evans, and far superior to him on the subject of fiscals, adopted the term Timbrology because Mons. Herpin's word only applied to postage and not to fiscal stamps.

In regard to *Stamps*' second absurdity, introduced to support its first, the payment of postage is no more a tax than would be the purchase of a passenger ticket on a government railway line. In both cases the payment is for a service for which direct value is given. A service that is accidentally, not naturally, a government monopoly, because its *proper* execution directly affects the entire populace. To scientifically answer the question, "What is a tax?" would take us into the domain of political economy, and open our columns to political discussion; free traders consider customs duty a tax, protectionists reject the idea with scorn. We have no wish to open a debate on Cobden or his theories, or have Liberals and Conservatives, Republicans and Democrats using up our limited space propounding political platforms, so we will briefly state that the generally accepted idea of taxation is a charge that everybody kicks against, simply because no *direct* service is rendered for the money paid, or at least that the amount assessed is far in excess of the actual value of any direct service, such as the excessive charges for carrying a letter before the invention of the postage stamp. The editor of *Stamps* should confine his writings to subjects within his ken, such as color names for instance, and avoid political economy, for he is sure to make an awful mess of it, if he rambles into fields outside of his domain.

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CANADIAN NUMERALS.

In reply to our request for the production of any of the 1898 issue of Canada with the design wider than 18 m.m., the *Adhesive* states it has not seen any. As the design on the plates from which all the stamps are printed measures $21\frac{1}{2}$ x 18, and as the great majority of the stamps themselves, *of all values*, are of exactly that size, those measuring $\frac{1}{2}$ m.m. less one way or the other, must have contracted by shrinkage as explained by printing and paper experts in our October number. The earlier printings of these stamps seem to have been more affected by shrinkage than the later ones. This is perhaps due to the quality of paper, of which various grades have been employed.

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THE SCOTT CATALOGUE—1902.

The 61st edition of the *Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue* was issued Dec. 21st and is doubtless now in the hands of most

of our readers. The mechanical work, binding, etc., is better than in the last edition, but much of the type shows signs of wear. In arrangement and scope it is practically a duplication of the 60th edition with the addition of new issues, which increase the number of pages by 40. A catalogue as full and complete as this is, in one volume, is certainly a great convenience to the majority of collectors, and it will no doubt be as heretofore the standard guide for American philatelists in the arrangement of their collections. That it is a reliable guide in regard to prices is open to question, as little attempt has been made to follow an independent course as regards values, being to a great extent a copy of Gibbons' including the mistakes. The under-pricing of some Canadian stamps and over-pricing of others is continued, especially as regards those stamps to which we referred in our October number. Proof of this plan of copying Gibbons' prices is furnished by the price quoted for Bechuanaland Protectorate, No. 4, 3d violet on yellow. Gibbons listed this stamp by mistake at 5 shillings, but corrected the quotation in subsequent *errata* to 5 pence; in the American edition it is 10c. Scott gives it at $1.00, a glaring over-price for a current unused stamp whose face value is only 6c. We notice on almost every page used stamps priced at a higher figure than the same unused, for instance Prince Edward Island, Parma, Zululand and many others, and yet the publishers state in the advertising pages that they are not experts on the subject of cancellations, and absolutely refuse to express an opinion upon them. Such being the case how can they venture to offer for sale a single stamp whose enhanced value is in the cancellation for which they admit they are unable to give a guarantee. An explanation of this remarkable inconsistency is in order.

VARIETIES, MAJOR AND MINOR.

If, as said Carlyle, genius consists of an infinite capacity for taking pains, then, indeed, may many a philatelic minor variety hunter claim possession of that particular form of (to quote a certain clever essayist) insanity! Few of us would dare to deny that the craze for microscopical varieties in postage stamps has been carried a great deal too far. When philately first came into being, and when the good old name of stamp collector was deemed sufficient appellation for the best of us, no one looked upon the microscope and the millimetre-measure as necessary items in the stamp-fancier's outfit. Nor can we see that such tools are imperatively needed now, save for the detection of counterfeit stamps and forged surcharges.—*S.C. Fortnightly.*

A BELGIAN OPINION OF BELA SZEKULA.

(Translated from *La Revue Postale*).

A Gentleman Not Over-Scrupulous.

Mr. Szekula Bela of Budapest, stamp merchant, "bunco-steerer" for Hungarian lotteries, and publisher of a philatelic journal to boot, has found out a cheap method of illustrating the headings of his "cabbage leaf" journal: he simply reproduces the designs of other magazines. It is in this way that our cut "*Les Nouveautes*," specially drawn for the *Revue Postale* by Mr. Ad. Crespin of Brussels, has been found worthy to figure in the columns of the *Szekula Bela Advertiser*. This publication being more of a monthly price list than a serious journal, we do not worry ourselves much over this violation of the rights of artistic property; it is, besides, more than certain, considering the heavy rate of interest for which the Hungarian humbug is pledged, that it will have ceased to live in a few months.

DESCRIPTION OF MY COLLECTION WITH A FEW COMMENTS.

By H L. Hart.

(*Continued from December*)

The 6d also have an entire sheet of 20, a used one on wmkd. paper. A sheet of 1sh, 8 used copies of the same, and 7 used 6½d. In the cent issues the 2c 1866 have a block of 25, a single unused on yellowish paper with 4 used copies, 5 copies of the 5c brown, two are on original envelopes. The 10c yellowish paper is very hard to get unused as is also the 12c, I devoted an entire page to the 24c which shows up this fine stamp in good style.

A block of four 5c black looks well, but I have yet to get one used on original.

A rare provisional, of which I have seen but two, came to me in a peculiar way, a person brought half a 10c on yellowish paper, for which I offered a few cents, but also said if he could bring me the envelope from which this was removed I would give him dollars instead of cents. In due time it came and the stamp fitted in exactly to the postmarks. We were

both made happy. I consider it a very rare cover and price it regardless of cost.

Nova Scotia.

I take great pride in this part of my collection. The 1d is represented by a single and pair unused. Six used, single, a pair, and two strips of three, one being perpendicular. Also two strips of three on original, and another envelope with, two 1d and a 3d, addressed to Newfoundland. A 1½d Provisional on the original is the only one I have seen. It was mailed at Amherst for Halifax, but a tax of 3d was imposed, thus recognising the 1½d as part postage.

I can boast of an unused block of six 3d, light blue with original gum. Have but a single dark blue unused, which appear to be very scarce. The used I have arranged in a diamond shape design, starting with the lightest of light blue and ranging the shades to dark blue almost a black, 36 in all. A unique provisional is two halves of 3d placed like two triangles, and cancelled over the cuts. Four shades of the 3d provisionals made by cutting 6d in halves, two are on blue paper and rare.

I have the 6d both shades, and 1 shilling on one page which is the most valuable in the collection, catalogue value of $850.

The 6d light unused, original gum, six used copies, four are on original envelope. Dark green, one unused and ten used, five are on original, some with nice combinations with the 3d

Have four N.S. shillings all different shades, including one unused with original gum. Have two varieties of the provisional 7½d. One 6d and half of 3d, the other two and half of 3d. A nine pence provisional consisting of 6 and half of 6d is a fine cover, and I consider it very rare.

The cent issues out of the ordinary are as follows, a strip of five 2c used, pair of 5c unused, Provisional 5c (half of 10c), 8½c on original and a pair used. The white paper unused are scarce as is also the yellowish paper used.

Have the 12½c, also a 12½ and 1c on original. A 12½c with double perf., on right side is a curosity.

The 12½c provisional is an old friend. It is made up as fclows, 10c, two and half of 1c. This envelope I had in my first collection and sold it in New York. It came back to Halifax on approval from England when I bought it back again.

Another 12½c provisional was two and a half of 5c. A fine provisional obtained only lately is a 10 and half of 10c, making a regristration rate of 15c.

While talking of provisionals I had in my first collection a 7½d, composed of half a shilling and half 3d placed together as one stamp. I received the same experience as with the ¼ shilling New Brunswick mentioned before.

Another envelope I was loath to part with was a 3d, 6d and two shillings N.S., all in splendid condition and lightly cancelled.

When I first started collecting I despaired of ever getting a shilling, many a long walk my friends gave me on a wild goose chase. The first one was found by a friend who with myself had permission to look over old correspondence. By the way the second such keen enjoyment has yet to come. We had found quite a few scarce stamps and a great number of letters marked *"paid"*, when my friend caught sight of a shilling Nova Scotia. It was so unexpected that his fingers went together with a rush, crushing the paper and stamp all together. Fortunately in calmer moments the stamp was smoothed out and proved to be a fine one. That however ended stamp hunting for that day.

Strange as it may appear, I once received a large package of common stamps by mail, only one stamp was worth purchasing and it was a shilling N.S. On another occasion I had purchased a pair unsevered of the first shilling of Great Britain, and paid 25c for them. About three months after I received a letter demanding the balance due on the two N. S. shillings sent, and my correspondent was surprised that I had not remitted before. Fortunately I still had the pair, which I returned and in return received back the 25c. I have often wondered how my correspondent received the true value of the stamps which must have been learned sooner or later.

I have in my collection three envelopes which are a family curiosity. Two are addressed by grandfather Hart, one with a 3d, the other a 5c N.S. Also one addressed by father with a 2c N.S. doing duty for county postage.

Prince Edward Island.

The large perforations 2, 3 and 6d unused are scarce, and have but one of each. I have however a fine strip of three 2d perf. 9, used, and five shades of the 6d. The provisional 3d, consisting of a 2 and half of 2d, large perf. is rare. Have a large number of shades in the 1d, and a single one on original envelope, very rare in this condition as they were used for circulars only.

The 2d on yellowish paper is very scarce unused, and although I was fortunate enough to get a pair and block of four, and the same with the 3d, cannot even get a good copy of the 4d on this scarce paper. On the white or bluish paper have the T W C error of the 2 pence, both unused, and one on the original envelope.

Have scarce provisionals on original envelopes,in the half of 6d for 3d, and half of 4d for a 2d.

An entire sheet of the 4d on white paper also the error F O U P pence, and a single 4d on original.

A block of 20 of the fine 4½d, and entire sheet of 6d. Block of 20 of the 9d.

Have all the cent issues used, but none in pairs except the 2c, which I consider a rare envelope with these two stamps. The two provisional 3c are very rare, especially the first as follows, a 2 and half of 2c. One other is half a 3c.

I still want the 4½d, 6c and 12c on the original.

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50c deep blue	.25	.12
1893, 8c lilac grey	.03	.02
1895, 8c slate	.02	.01
1896, 8c purple-black	.06	.02
1897, ½c black Jubilee	.25	.15
2c green	.04	.02
5c blue	.08	.05
6c brown	.50	.25
8c violet	.18	.10
10c purple	.18	.12
15c steel blue	.25	.20

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6c brown, "	.10	.05
8c orange, "	.05	.02
10c violet, "	.18	.09
1898, ½c black, 2 leaves	.01	.01
6c brown, " (rare)	.05	.05
8c orange, " "	.05	.03
10c violet, "	.08	.02
1901, 20c olive, "	.12	.06
1898, 2c lavender and carmine	.02	.01
2c blue and carmine	.02	.01
1899, 2c surch. on 3c 1897	.03	.01
2c " 3c 1898	.02	.01
1875, 2c orange, registered	.03	.01
2c vermilion, "	.05	.02
5c green, "	.02	.01
1898, 10c green, special del	.10	.05
1877, 1c blue, envelope, entire	.04	.02
1c ultra., " "	.10	.05
3c red, " "	.08	.04
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NEWS OF THE MONTH

This month we have a long list of promises and rumors of new issues, mostly forthcoming King Edward stamps, but few actually issued novelties to record. This year will witness the coronation of the young King of Spain, and a set of historical portraits is spoken of as amongst the probabilities.

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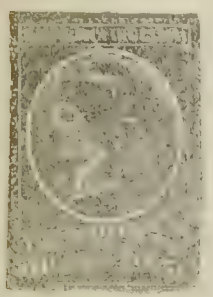
ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—(*Official stamps.*)



—We illustrate the new official stamps, which, with the exception of the 2c, made their appearance, as announced in our January number, on December 1st. Our correspondent does not know when the 2c will be used; in fact, there are doubts whether that value will be required at all.

AUSTRIAN LEVANT.—(*Unpaid letter stamps*).—A set of the current Austrian unpaid letter stamps, printed in green instead of brown, and surcharged with the new value in black, has been issued for Austrian offices in the Levant. The following values are reported by a German paper:—

10 para	on	5 heller.	
20	"	10	"
1 piaster	on	20	"
2	"	40	"
5	"	100	"

BULGARIA.—(*Unpaid letter stamps*).—The new unpaid letter stamps announced last month have been issued. *S. G. Monthly* gives an illustration of the type and lists two values 5st. rose-red and 30st. marone. *Ewen's Weekly* also lists a provisional set of unpaids, being the 5, 10, 30, and 50st. of the new Prince Ferdinand series surcharged in black, "T" within a circle.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—(*King's heads contemplated*).—*Ewen's Weekly* states. tha
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figure of "Hope,"—the emblematic device that has adorned this colony's stamps since the ever popular triangles issued 1853,—is to be replaced by a set bearing the portrait of the King during the present year. Political considerations are supposed to be the motive of this change; does it indicate that following Joe Chamberlain's Imperial policy—detested by all the self-governing colonies—that Hope is to be abandoned.

COSTA RICA.—(*Obsolete issue demonetized*).—Collectors can shortly expect cheap sets of the 1892 issue, unused as well as cancelled to order. The 1901 stamps are the only ones now available for postage, and it is stated that the remainders of the 1892 set will be sold under face value.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—(*Provisional 2 cents.*)—In addition to the provisional 8c listed last month, the current 3c has been surcharged 2-CENTS-1902. The reason of these surcharges is said to be a reduction in the postal tariff. News from Washington would indicate that the protracted negotiations, for the transfer of these islands to the United States, have at last been terminated and the treaty has been signed. The treaty has still to be ratified by the U.S. Senate, and the purchase money paid over, after this has been done, a new U. S. colony comes into existence, with possibly a new issue of stamps.

GREAT BRITAIN.—(*Edward VII envelopes and stamps*).—*Ewen's Weekly* reports the issue of a new ½d envelope embossed with oval stamp in green. In the centre is King Edward's profile, surmounted by a crown, with the inscription POSTAGE HALF PENNY round the lower half of the oval. On either side of the crown are branches of bay and oak leaves. At the base of the bust, in the position usually assigned to the die number, is embossed what appears to be the initials E. R. A 1d. envelope with stamp of similar design in dark carmine has also been issued, and a ½d. green postcard. Notice is given by the Postmaster General of the issue shortly of a 3d. brown envelope,
; a registration fee of 2d. and post-

Comments on the new stamps fill the columns of the English journals. In this number, we reproduce several of the opinions expressed pro and con. The opinion appears to be pretty general that the new type will not remain long in use; a defect in the die, consisting of a dark smudge on the King's forehead, is to be found on all the values, and this alone will probably bring about a re-engraved or retouched design. After the King's coronation in June, it is probable that a diademed profile will be adopted. The comments of the lay press from a philatelic standpoint are amusing, particularly when it is stated that this issue will become rare. It has been stated semi-officially that, within forty-eight hours after their issue, over 82¼ millions had been sold, and that the first printing consisted of *four thousand million* specimens. As the *S. C. Fortnightly* remarks:—" it won't be of much use to put by the stamps of King Edward VII as a lock-up investment."

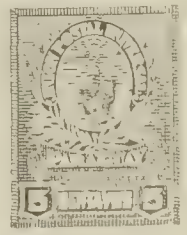
LEEWARD ISLANDS. — (*Separate issues for each island*).—The *S. C. Fortnightly* states:—We learn, on the authority of a gentleman holding an official position, that not alone St. Christopher, but each of the islands of the Leeward group, Antigua, Dominica, Montserrat, etc., will shortly have its own separate issue of stamps, as in days gone by. Each series will be pictorial and characteristic of the scenery and industries of the island. Pictorial issues for the Windward Islands—St. Lucia, St. Vincent, &c.—are also in contemplation.

MALTA.—(*King Edward stamps*).—A correspondent of *Ewen's Weekly* writes to that journal:—The first Maltese stamp with the King's head is to be the 3d. Specimens of this stamp have already been sent here by the Crown Agents for inspection, and as far as I can learn, they have been approved. The stamp is to be *yellowish-brown*, with an oval containing the head of the King in *blue*. The inscription at the top will be 'Malta,' and that at the bottom will give the value. This stamp will be very useful, as it will prepay a registered letter to all places enjoying Penny Postage.

NEW ZEALAND.—(*New perforations*).—From Messrs Wilcox, Smith & Co. and H. Bolitho, we have received specimens of the ½d. and 1d. with the new perforations, which are of about the same gauge as the London prints of 1898. The local prints, with these fine perforations are of quite different shades to the London made stamps, and are easily distinguished by comparison, though the differences are hard to accurately describe. The local 1d. universal postage can be at once told by the water mark, and the higher values will we presume also come on this water marked paper, as the only obstacle to its employment hitherto, has been that it was made in sheets too small for the plates, a difficulty easily adjusted at the paper mill. Mr. Bolitho writes: "Since writing last the new perforating machines have been at work on the New Zealand stamps, the gauge being set at 14½, but there are already a few varieties to be found in them, perf. 14½ all round, perf. 14½ by 11½ and perf. 11½ by 14½. Have not seen any of the high values done yet."

NETHERLANDS. — (½c. *unpaid letter stamp*).—From *S. G. Monthly* we learn that a ½c. stamp has been added to the current set of unpaid letter stamps, ultramarine and black.

PARAGUAY. — (*A new lithographed series.*)—It has been reported in several journals that a new set, to consist of 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 28 and 40 centavos, was in preparation, to replace the issue engraved and printed in Buenos Ayres in 1900. We announced in our number of last August that this engraved set,



was to be gradually replaced by an issue of similar design, but produced by lithography, and it is probably this lithographed set, that is now being announced. Lithographed 2, 5 and 40c appeared during last year, and are catalogued by Scott and Gibbons. We are informed that these lithographed stamps, made by Sr. H. Krause at Asuncion, are so printed to encourage home industry, and that the colors of the 1901, 2c and 5c have been changed, the 2c from carmine to olive grey, and the 5c from brown to violet, also that a 4c light blue has appeared; the other values to be issued as fast as old stock is exhausted.

ROUMANIA.—(*30 and 75 bani stamps.*)—*Ewen's Weekly* reports as printed, but not yet issued, two new values, 30 bani violet, of the type of the 10b., and 75 bani brown and violet, of the type of the 50b. The same journal also states the inscription on the 1b. has been corrected from the plural form BANI to BAN.

TRINIDAD.—(*The 1d. in new colors*).—In our November number, we reported on the authority of *Ewen's Weekly*, the change of colors of several values, ½d, 1d and 1s. The same journal shortly after announced that these new stamps would not be issued for some time, as a large stock in the old colors was still on hand; however the 1d black on red has actually appeared, Mr. Huguenin having shown us specimens used during the first week of January.

TUNIS. — (*New values 35c and 2 fr.*)—Messrs. Whitfield, King & Co. have sent us specimens of two additions to the current set 35 centimes brown, and 2 francs violet. We hear that a 1 fr. value has been added to the unpaid letter set.

TURKEY.—(*New set promised in 1903.*)—A newspaper published in Constantinople states that Turkish stamps are to be changed every two years, and gives full details as to values and colors of a set whose appearance is announced for March, 1903.

THE BIRTH OF THE FIRST STAMP

Bearing the Effigy of His Majesty Edward VII.

By Louis Mestral.

(Translated from *La Tribune des Collectionneurs*).

Certain events, which would pass almost unnoticed on the continent, assume in England the dignity of a ceremony of prime importance. On December 31st, 1901, most of the Metropolitan newspapers announced to the public that ½d and 1d stamps, bearing the effigy of His Gracious Majesty, would be placed on sale at midnight at the wicket of the general post office St. Martin-le-Grand. Prompted more by curiosity than by my philatelic zeal, I repaired to the designated spot, allowing myself about two hours ahead of the time mentioned, to be sure of being served one of the first. But, to my amazement, at ten o'clock, St. Martin-le-Grand was already literally blocked by a silent crowd, covering the sidewalks, towered over by tall hats and representative of both the classes and the masses. I recognized in the swarm here, brokers, lawyers, artists, and dandies from the West End trying to display under the dim light of the street lamps, a thin thread of nobility of the third order; there, parvenues, adventurers and representatives of that class who, without being even something, believe themselves to be somebodies, from the fact alone that they wear strangely cut trousers, or because they have printed in gothic type, their address on their note paper and visiting cards; there were also messenger boys, newsboys from Lombard St., bootblacks from Charing Cross, and indeed even a few hangdog faces indicating by their large noses the Hebrew from Whitechapel or the East End. What was the object of this singular nocturnal assemblage? To be able to say with pride in ten or twenty years hence: "I was one of the first to prepay my letters with a stamp of Edward VII."

It is half past eleven. The crowd becomes more and more compact; it may be frankly estimated at five thousand persons. The great staircase of the General Post Office is completely buried under the swarm of humanity, and the principal door is inaccessible. A glacial silence reigns throughout this crowd, giving one a good idea of the coolness of English blood. The clock marks eleven forty-five. The density of the crowd becomes such that, to avoid accidents, help is telephoned for, from the central police station. In five minutes time there arrives at full gallop twenty-four mounted police, who, be[illegible] Grand, open with difficulty a narrow passage through the throng.

Midnight sounds. 1901 has fled as a second, carried by time into eternity. 1902, the year which will remain ever memorable in England by the coronation of Edward VII, begins to dawn and will continue to hurl our planet impetuously into space, towards an end that ever glides away.

At that moment there occurs an event which will long remain famous in the annals of Philately. In honor of ancient customs, Lord Francis Dymoke, Champion of England, appears on horseback, in full uniform, his breast covered with decorations. Armed from head to foot he comes from Westminster Palace. In accordance with his title, the King's Herald, his mission is to challenge to deadly conflict all those who are not content. With firm and majestic expression, a sceptre in his right hand and holding in his left the orb and cross, he cries out, loud and clear: "If any one contests that the head of my noble and august Lord Edward the Seventh, has a right to figure on the postage stamps of Great Britain and Ireland, let him advance and I will cleave him in twain on the spot!" Tradition states that never has any one presented himself to dispute with the Champion of England on such conditions; and thus the sword of Lord Francis Dymoke has never known the trace of blood.

The doors of the General Post Office are opened. The Marquis of Londonderry, Postmaster-General of the British Empire, appears at the head of the great staircase, and, without uncovering, three times gracefully salutes with his hand the assembled populace, and returns to his office. The band of the 28th Grenadiers of the Royal Guards plays the National Anthem, which is at once re-echoed by thousands of patriotic voices.

The eighteen wickets of the General Post Office are at once invaded by the crowd, and the first stamps of His Gracious Majesty become a colossal success; they are bought up with an enthusiasm which is ultra-patriotic. As a large reserve has been prepared, 75 millions of ½d. and 1d., there are certainly enough for everybody. Time flies; it is almost 3 a.m. when my turn at the wicket at last arrives, but still the narrow line slowly continues its march under the direction of the twenty-four mounted policemen. In the majority of cases, the stamps bought were at once affixed on envelopes or post cards prepared in advance, to be immediately thrown into the nearest letter box. The first obliteration which will figure on the profile of Edward VII was: 12.15 a.m. Ja. 1. 02; stamps which show it are destined to enjoy a future rarity for specialists.

The sale of the new stamps has given considerable extra work to the employees of most of the Metropolitan offices. In many cases buyers found themselves refused, and the reply: "new issue sold out" was heard in many city offices on the [illegible] of January 1st.

EDITORIAL.

DOTTY PHILATELY.

The philatelic press of Great Britain has lately been making an almost unanimous protest against the tendency to catalogue every minor variety in detail, a practice which has been labeled "dotty philately." Some writers have even expressed a fear that this over refinement of varieties indicated a danger for the permanence of philately, by its tending to discourage or disgust the younger collectors and beginners. We do not share these fears. As long as new issues of stamps appear, public attention will be constantly drawn to them in some part of the world; they will be saved, collections will be formed, beginners will start up, gradually acquaintance will be made with others of like tastes, knowledge of the existence of catalogues and of our literature will be acquired, and ere long a full fledged philatelist will be developed from among these embryos. This is the usual process in the growth of a stamp collector, and much as the old timers protest against the flood of new issues, the fact is patent to all who look below the surface that the permanence of philately, including the permanence of stamp values, depends almost entirely upon the constant supply of newly issued stamps.

We think our contemporaries attach too much importance to this question of minor varieties, as having any perceptible effect upon the permanence of philately. Specialists require such minor details; to others they are all a matter of taste, and the average collector takes them or leaves them just as the fancy strikes him, as there is no compulsion in regard to collecting them, we cannot see how they can cause any serious disturbance in the philatelic body.

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PRICES OF CANADA STAMPS.

We notice, in the list of corrections to their priced catalogue, that Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., has advanced the price of the Canada, 1898, 6c to 1 shilling new and 6d used, making it of the same price as the 1897 6c. As we have already pointed out, the 1898 6c is, in unused condition, a much rarer stamp than the 1897 issue. It was not generally known that it was to be withdrawn from issue, and for this reason no large stocks were bought up by regular dealers while it was on sale, consequently nearly all printed were used. The New South Wales 3d issued in 1899 in blue-green is now quoted at $4.50 by the cataloguers, but it is far from being as scarce a stamp unused as the Canada 1898 6c. Possibly when the makers of catalogues succeed in laying in as large a stock of the Canadian stamp as they now hold of the Australian the price will advance to a corresponding figure.

Another stamp which is listed too low is the 1898 8c. None of that value have been printed since 1899 and the supply has been exhausted for some time. The 1897 8c is the only stamp of that value that has been on sale lately, and we hear that the stock of it, too, has been sold out.

In a recent number of *Ewen's Weekly*, a ournal which is usually well informed on the subject of the issue and withdrawal of colonial stamps, the statement was made that it was impossible to obtain any 10c stamps, that the 3c and 6c cannot be had, and the question is asked "will these values be reprinted or will the gaps be filled by surcharging?" As the 3c and 6c were withdrawn from issue, about three years ago, there being no need for those values, now that the domestic rate of postage has been reduced from 3c to 2c, there is little prospect of their being reprinted or re-issued. The bulk of the remainders in stock of the 3c were surcharged 2c and cleared out long ago. In regard to the 10c. we are surprised at the statement made, as that value is still on sale, and has always been on sale at every important post office in Canada. Our contemporary has certainly been misinformed.

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GIBBONS CATALOGUE.—PART II.

This work was received early in January. It is compiled on the same general plan as former editions, through several countries have been entirely revised and re-written. A feature about the Gibbons catalogues that make them superior to any others, as guide to the careful Philatelic student, are the enlarged illustrations of varieties of type. These are very numerous in this edition, together with the careful repro-

duction of surcharges and illustrations of watermarks, making the work of incalulable value.

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We have received a long but interesting letter from Mr. Ben. Warhurst, editor of *Stamps*, in which that gentleman reiterates the opinion expressed in his journal in regard to the meaning of the word "philately" and its absurd answer to the question "What is a tax." He states he is not writing us for publication, but if we are disposed to controvert his statements in our columns, he intimates that he can say as much more in reply. Thanks, the discussion has already taken up more space than it is worth, and we would not care to further tax our readers' patience.

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Two useful works that we have lately received from the publishers Chas. J. Endle & Co., Boscombe, Bournemouth, England, are *Nunn's Directory* of stamp dealers, the name of which indicates its scope, and their *Philatelic Almanac for 1902*, which combines a calendar for the year, with useful information about societies, journals, etc., a list of stamps issued in 1901, and a number of well written illustrated articles of interest.

POT-POURRI.

By M. D. Senior.

Starting with the appearance of the King Edward stamps in Great Britain, the new year continues prolific with new issues. Abyssinia, Bolivia, Chili, Colombian Republic, Curacao, Danish West Indies, Dutch Indies, Surinam, Seychelles, Trinidad, etc., etc., have all contributed their share, and with the Dominican Republic Commemorative set, scheduled to appear this month, followed by the Guatemala issue in March, and the Leeward Islands, and other British Colonials, etc., shortly after, the collector of novelties has busy times ahead.

The sales of the new stamps in England have been enormous and unprecedented, and their appearance has excited widespread comment in the newspapers of that country. Unfortunately their color and design have been the object of much adverse criticism generally.

Of the Curacoa surcharged 25c on 25c Netherlands, it is reported that with the exception of a thousand or less, sold to the public, the whole issue has been bought up by one party; this report lacks confirmation. If true, we may expect a new surcharge of 25c on some other value, for a provisional, as the late 25c brown-orange, is obsolete, and none left.

The Danish West Indies surcharges of 8c on 10c and 2c on 3c have been issued, presumably to meet a reduction in postage rates. The signing in Washington, of a treaty of cession to the United States, has started a brisk demand for these already popular stamps, and it is sincerely hoped, that the rumors of proposed indiscriminate surcharging, before the Islands are turned over to us, are unfounded.

From Paris, we learn of a contemplated important postal reform, by the French Postmaster General. It is the introduction of a stamped envelope for international use. At present, it is useless to enclose stamps for reply, when writing abroad, as the stamp of one country cannot be used in another, hence a stamp that will pass current between the nations, besides being a rare novelty, and a great convenience, would be a big stride in postal advancement, and who knows, if not the seed, from which may spring "a universal postage" in the dim future.

THE TRUTH RE KURUMAN BESIEGED STAMPS.

By H. Rudd, Capetown.

I have lately seen in the "New Issues" column of a few philatelic papers a set of Kuruman "Siege" stamps chronicled. Certain denominations Cape Postage and Revenue stamps were surcharged Kuruman Besieged and a new value similar to the Mafeking ones. They, however, were never brought into use. The entire lot, face value about £9 10s, was sent to the Cape of Good Hope Treasury for destruction some time in June. The values are here detailed.

Kuruman Besieged on Cape of Good Hope Postage Stamps.

2d on ½d green
3d on ½d "
3d on 1d carmine
1s on 1d "

Kuruman Besieged on Cape of Good Hope Revenue Stamps.

6d on 3d red and yellow
6d on 1d green and yellow
1s on 6d maroon and yellow
5s on 1s maroon and white

KING EDWARD'S STAMPS.

Press Opinions, Favourable and Otherwise.

From the *Leciester Post*, January 3rd.—The comments made by the general public upon Edwardian postage stamps find an echo in art coteries. It is pointed out that the neck is too broad, and gives the suggestion of shortness in stature. It is also said that the breadth of the neck, in any event, is excessive. The aim of the authorities, doubtless, was to avoid the ridicule which they earned by the egregious Jubilee portrait of the late Queen, in which the slendering of the neck, stout in

all Guelphs, was carried to an extreme. On the other hand, very great praise is given in professional circles to the contour of the skull in the new stamps, and the accuracy of the curves is recognised as being singularly good.

From *Sheffield Independent*, Jan. 2nd.—People will probably at first sight say the new stamps don't give a good likeness of the King. The fact is, his Majesty has very seldom been photographed in profile, and the public are not at all familiar with that aspect of his features. He looks more like some other member of his family. There is a general resemblance between the stamp profile and the design to be used on the new coinage, though the heads for stamps and coinage respectively have been drawn by different artists.

From *Freeman's Journal*, Jan. 1st.—As to the merits of this work of art, we think the less said the better. The old stamp did not certainly give a very accurate picture of Queen Victoria at any period of her life. The new stamp gives the most curious presentment of the features of King Edward VII. that one could conceive. The face is cadaverous, hungry-looking, discontented; the very opposite of the reality as the public know it. The artist apparently has endeavoured to make his Majesty look like Julius Cæsar, with a beard, and the result has been very unhappy.

From *Nottingham Express*, Jan. 2nd.—The new postage stamps are now in circulation. They have a foreign look, as one might of course expect from the source of the design; and the likeness to His Majesty is by no means striking. It is a pseudo-classical effigy, fresh from the bandbox as it were.

From *Nottingham Guardian*, Jan. 2nd.—There was quite a rush to the Post Offices in London to-day to secure specimens of the new stamp. At some of the busier offices at certain periods of the day one had to wait his turn to get at the counters. Speaking generally, the new issue seems to meet with favour. The change in the colour of the penny stamp is commented upon very favourably. Considered as a likeness, the portrait of the King is not very satisfactory, but the Austrian sculptor, Herr Fuchs, who was commissioned to prepare the designs, has contrived by the introduction of a little light and shade to throw the head into rather pleasing relief.

From *Birmingham Gazette*, Jan. 2nd.—The new stamps which are being issued to-day are admitted to be perfectly beautiful, and remind one of a fine cameo. The King's image is admirable, and it quite loses the Henry VIII. aspect that has sometimes been given to his Majesty.

From the *Yorkshire Post*, Jan. 2nd.—The new postage stamps issued to the public on the first day of the New Year will be to most people a great disappointment. When so much is said of art education it is not encouraging to find a design which will be before the eyes of the public every day so utterly destitute of any distinction or character. It is, in a word, nothing more than a piece of "commercial engraving," and not very successful as such. To come to details, the design lacks unity; it is all in bits, and has no character. The head is weak and finnicking in treatment, and is completely overshadowed by the wreath, into which all the force and vitality that can be found in the design seems to have passed. It is, indeed, no exaggeration to assert that many a student at our Schools of Art could have produced a design with infinitely more character, and the new stamps must be pronounced as yet another instance of the paralysing effect of officialdom on art.

From the *Tatler*, January 15th.—The artist, Herr Fuchs, drew two heads for the consideration of the authorities—one full face, the other that with which the last few mornings have made most of us familiar. The authorities at St. Martin's-le-Grand were not, I understand, enchanted with either, but they gave their preference to the profile and His Majesty entirely endorsed their view, and the full face stamp was, to use a sporting phrase, "scratched." Whether any of the "essays" (as they technically term them), exist I know not; if so, philatelists would doubtless "sell their souls" for specimens.

NEW STAMPS RECALLED.

Head Faces Wrong Way, and is also Scarred.

London, January 27.—(Special.)—The design of the new postage stamp, which has been received with very little enthusiasm, is to be changed, not because any one in authority feels that some concession must be made to the artistic sense of the country, but because it has only now been discovered that the head of the King faces the wrong way.

The rule, strictly observed hitherto on stamps and coinage is that the heads of successive sovereigns shall, for the sake of distinction, face opposite ways. The head of King Edward VII. on the stamp faces in the same direction as that of Queen Victoria, to the left, and will have to be turned round.

Another defect which has been noticed on the new Edward stamp, is that upon the head there appears a scar, clearly to be seen with the naked eye, as though His Majesty had been slashed with a sword. It is curious that this does not appear on the penny stamp alone, where it was first noted, but on each of the halfpenny, twopence halfpenny and sixpenny stamps. How it appeared on each of the issues in exactly the same shape and on the same part of the forehead is puzzling philatelists. These stamps will, of course, be greatly valued, despite their inartistic appearance, as new designs are to be prepared, and this first issue will become rare.—(*Press Despatch*).

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Secretary's Report.

NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED.

236. R. A. Elliot.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

237. L. S. Holmes, 22 Victor st., London, Ont., stamp dealer. Ref., G. P. LeGrand, R. E. Holmes. 238. Frank D. Murphy, 85 Albion st., Brantford, Ont. Ref., Theodore W. Meyer, George Sweeting, Jr.

RESIGNED.

181. Clifford W. Kissinger.
140. Chas. L. F. Arden.

DROPPED.

49. E. B. McGillivray. 171. H. W. Browne. 175. C. W. Eman.

The members will observe by the last two reports of the Secretary that applications for membership are coming in very slowly. We need new members and must have them to make our society a success. Will the members put forth a little more effort to get new members? Let the word be *one each at least.* Applications can be had for the asking from W. J. Wurtele, G. P. LeGrand, or the Secretary. They look beautiful filled out. Try a few.

C. H. FOWLE, Sec.

Medford, Mass.

A SOCIETY WITHOUT MEMBERS

Cannot be expected to remain in existence. The members of the C. P. S. should awake to this fact before it is too late and get to work securing new members. The C. P. S. has gone ahead very fast, but there is not at present enough activity. The officers no doubt do their share, but it is also the duty of the members to co-operate and build up the society. Let every member hustle up a bit and write or call on some collecting friend and induce him to join the C. P. S. The C. P. Society does more for its members than any other society in existence. Blanks furnished free by Mr. Fowle, the Sec.-Treas., or by the publisher of the official organ, W. James Wurtele, C. P. S. 63.

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14	55 damaged U.S., rare stamps		.50
15	26 U. S. Documentary, $1 uncut.		
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Address bids to G. P. LeGrand, New Carlisle, P.Q.

FROM THE PUBLISHER.

FEBRUARY, 1902.

If the readers will kindly look over the paper they will notice quite a change in the advertizing pages. The New England Stamp Co. has decided to stay with the MONTREAL PHILATELIST for a year, and no doubt my readers will give this enterprising firm a cordial welcome. A word to Coin and Money collectors:—This branch of collecting antiquities is becoming more popular every day, and it is interesting as well as instructive. If you want to learn something of old time history collect a few coins. Mr. T. L. Elder, the leading dealer in coins, paper money, gems, etc., in the United States will supply your wants.

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BRIEF MENTION.

I have lately received a large number of dealers' price lists, etc., marked "For review." The demands upon my space do not permit of an extended review of the large quantity of philatelic literature that I receive, and what passes for a review in many journals is of little or no value to anyone. Really important topics raised by articles in contemporaries are discussed in the editorial columns, selecting in preference those subjects which concern Canadian stamps or stamp collectors, but a complete review of all is out of the question. Those dealers who patronize the advertising columns are entitled to editorial consideration for their publications, and to such I hope to be able to find space for at least a brief mention of the articles they kindly send me.

Collectors of post cards should not fail to secure a copy of "**Pan-America,**" **a price list of the Postal Cards and Letter Cards of the Western Hemisphere,** from A. Lohmeyer, of Baltimore, who carries the finest stock in existence and sells at the lowest prices. Retail price lists of sets, packets and single stamps that are indispensable to collectors in search of bargains, can be had for the asking from **Whitfield, King & Co.**, Ipswich, England; **C. E. Hussman Stamp Co.**, St. Louis, Mo., whose list of U. S. is very complete; **South African Stamp Co.**, London, England, their specialty is African stamps, but they sell many other kinds at surprisingly low prices; if in search of rare stamps one cannot do better than get from **Hamilton, Macrae, Ltd.**, Perth, West Australia, their special bargain list of stamps catalogued at $1.25 and over.

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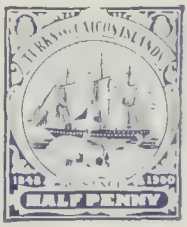

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	Cat. Price	Our Price
1852, 3d red	$ .30	$ .15
1859, 1c pink	.06	.03
5c vermilion	.04	.02
12½c green	.35	.25
17c blue	.85	.75
1868, ½c black	.18	.12
1c brown-red	.30	.15
2c green	.10	.06
3c red	.04	.02
6c brown	.20	.10
12½c blue	.25	.20
1869, 1c yellow	.40	.20
1870, 1c dark orange (small)	.08	.04
1872, 6c yellow-brown	.05	.03
1874, 10c rose-lilac	.30	.15
15c dull violet	.10	.05
1875, 5c olive green (large)	.50	.40
1876, 5c slate green (small)	.01	.01
15c grey	.10	.05
1882, ½c black	.02	.01
1888, 5c grey	.01	.01
1890, 6c red-brown	.04	.02
1892, 20c vermilion	.12	.06
50c deep blue	.25	.12
1893, 8c lilac grey	.03	.02
1895, 8c slate	.02	.01
1896, 8c purple-black	.06	.02
1897, ½c black Jubilee	.25	.15
2c green	.04	.02
5c blue	.10	.06
6c brown	.50	.25
8c violet	.18	.10
10c purple	.18	.12
15c steel blue	.25	.20

1859 issue, 1, 2, 5, 10, 12½, 17c, set of 6. $2.50

	Cat. Price	Our Price
1897, 20c vermilion	$ .35	$ .25
50c ultramarine	.30	.20
½c black, 4 leaves	.02	.01
5c blue, "	.03	.01
6c brown, "	.10	.05
8c orange, "	.05	.02
10c violet, "	.18	.10
1898, ½c black, 2 leaves	.01	.01
6c brown, " (rare)	.05	.05
8c orange, " "	.05	.03
10c violet, "	.08	.02
1901, 20c olive, "	.12	.06
1898, 2c lavender and carmine	.02	.01
2c blue and carmine	.02	.01
1899, 2c surch. on 3c 1897	.03	.01
2c " 3c 1898	.02	.01
1875, 2c orange, registered	.03	.01
5c green, "	.02	.01
1898, 10c green, special del	.10	.05
1877, 1c blue, envelope, entire	.04	.02
1c ultra., " "	.10	.05
3c red, " "	.08	.04
1895, 2c green, " "	.06	.04
1898, 3c red, " "	.08	.04
1899, 2c sur on 3c '77, env. "	.30	.15
2c " 3c '98, " "	.10	.05
1875, 1c blue, wrapper	.25	.15
1887, 1c " "	.10	.08
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30-word exch. notice 3 times	.30	.30
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NEWS OF THE MONTH

The first of the flood of "King's Heads" that will appear this year from the numerous British colonies comes from Caymen Islands. The old De la Rue type is apparently to be continued indefinitely. As the King is not yet crowned, the emblem of Royalty is, as in the case of the British stamps, suspended above his head; after the coronation in June this portrait may be substituted for a crowned head, so this design is perhaps merely a provisional one, which will not remain long in use. A similar stamp is also reported from Gambia, but we have no information that it is yet issued.

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ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

BULGARIA.—(*Post cards.*)—Two post cards, with stamp of the new type, have been issued, 5st. green and 10st. carmine both single and reply. We illustrate the new unpaid letter stamps, of which, in addition to the 5 and 30st. listed last month, the 10st. green and 50st. orange have appeared.

CAYMEN ISLANDS. — (*King's head stamps*).—To this little dependency of Jamaica belongs the honor of the very first set of King Edward stamps. The old De la Rue type, with a portrait of King Edward, surmounted by a crown, substituted for that of Queen Victoria, is employed. The values are 2½d blue, 6d brown and 1s orange, issued Dec. 20th.

CHINA.—(*French offices.*)—A French post office has been opened at Hoï-Hao (Hoangho ?) and, as was done at the Canton office, the entire set of current stamps of Indo-China have been surcharged for its service. The surcharge is in red—HOI-HAO—with Chinese characters below. A similar series is said to be in preparation for Amoy and Mongtse.

COOK ISLANDS.—(*½d and 1d in new colors*)—Under date of Feb. 21st, Mr. Bolitho informs us that the ½d (bird) has been changed from blue to green, and the 1d (portrait) from brown to red.

CRETE—(*Provisional 25l.*)—It was stated some time ago that the currency of Crete had been adjusted to correspond with that of the Latin Union, and that the surcharge necessary to indicate that Turkish currency was accepted in payment for stamps had been abolished; for some reason, not yet explained, the 25l. has reappeared with a surcharge in larger type than formerly, ΠΡΟΣΩΡΙΝΟΝ in black. We have been shown a specimen by Whitfield King & Co.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—(*Commemorative series.*)—From Mr. Senior we have received unused specimens of the commemorative set now just issued, but described at length in our November number. These stamps appear to us to be of a purely speculative character, and we cannot advise their collection, but that is a matter of choice for each collector to decide for himself. We have received a used specimen of the 10c. from Mr. N. Huguenin.

ECUADOR.—(*Reprints of 1894 and 1895.*)—Sets of the 1894 and 1895 issue have recently been offered at a low price, as remainders. There are no remainders of those issues, all were used up surcharged 1897, 1898. The labels now offered may be reprints, but look more like forgeries or perhaps "official imitations".

GREAT BRITAIN.—(*Postal stationery.*)—In addition to the ½d and 1d envelopes and 3d registration envelope reported last month, we hear that a ½d wrapper green on buff has appeared, of similar type to the old issue, but with King Edward's portrait replacing that of Queen Victoria. A 1d letter card carmine on blue has also appeared, as well as 1d post card carmine on buff and the ½d card reported last month is both single and reply. (*Official Stamps*) *Ewen's Weekly* reports the issue of the following official stamps surcharged on the "King's Head" issue:—R. H. OFFICIAL 1d; I. R. OFFICIAL ½d, 1d, 2½d; O. W. OFFICIAL ½d, 1d; ARMY OFFICIAL ½d, 1d; BOARD OF EDUCATION ½d, 1d, 2½d. The same journal also reports on the "Queen's Head" issue:—O. W. OFFICIAL ½d green; I. R OFFICIAL 1s green and carmine; BOARD OF EDUCATION 5d purple and blue, 1s green and carmine.

GREECE.—(*Parcel post stamps.*)—A special set of stamps for the payment of postage on parcels has just been issued. The letters A.M. in the upper corners indicate that they are sold on a gold value basis. The series consists of :—

5 lepta orange
25 " green
50 " blue
1 dr. carmine
2 " brown

NEW ZEALAND.—(*Provisional for Savage or Niue Island.*)—We have received the following newspaper clipping from Mr. Bolitho which would seem to indicate that the new island dependencies of New Zealand are to have surcharged stamps. "New Zealand penny universal postage stamps are now to be seen surcharged NIUE. These are stated to be procurable at the Island of Niue, and have been surcharged for postal use now that the New Zealand Government has control of that place. From a philatelic point of view the surcharge is an abomination, as the word "Niue" has evidently been printed with a rubber stamp, and can therefore be easily forged, a contingency which it is desirable to avoid."

NICARAGUA.—(*Provisionals.*)—The *Am. J. of P.* reports a number of new provisionals made by surcharging the date 1901 and a new value on the stamps of 1900. Besides minor varieties and errors the following is the list :—

3c on 6c rose surcharge in black and in blue
4c on 6c " " " " "
5c on 1p yellow " " " red
10c on 2p salmon surcharge in black
20c on 5p black " red

The complete set of unpaid letter stamps of 1900 also comes surcharged in black, 1901 above, CORREOS below.

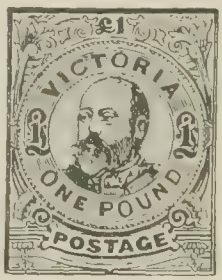
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—(*Special delivery stamp.*)—The *Am. J. of P.* reports the current U.S. special delivery surcharged PHILIPPINES. Also 1, 2, 4 and 5c envelopes on various colors of paper with a similar surcharge.

SARAWAK.—(*Watermarked 2c.*)—From Whitfield King & Co. we have received a 2c green current type on paper watermarked with a flower of Maltese cross shape, similar to that used for the stamps of Johore.

TUNIS.—(*1 fr. unpaid letter stamp.*) — From Whitfield, King & Co. we have received an addition to the current unpaid letter set—1 franc olive green.

TASMANIA.—(*Pictorial set watermarked V and Crown.*)—From Smyth & Nicolle we have received a specimen of the pictorial 2d in pale violet, with the information that a six month's supply has been printed in Melbourne, Victoria, on V and crown paper. Our correspondents tell us that they have heard that the 1d has also been issued on this paper, and that all the other pictorials are also to be printed in Melbourne.

UNITED STATES—(*McKinley post card; new stamps.*)—The 1c post card with portrait of McKinley, announced as in preparation in our October number, has been issued. We learn that designs for a complete new set of stamps are being prepared, the series to include a 13c stamp with portrait of General Harrison. It is said that the portraits are to be the same as on the current set, with the exception that Admiral Farragut is to replace Commodore Perry on the dollar value. The name of the subject is to appear under each portrait, and the stamps are to be labelled SERIES 1902. Color changes are also spoken of for some values, including a return to orange for the special delivery.



VICTORIA.—(*King's head stamps*) — We illustrate the type of the new high value stamps reported in our January number. An explanation of their use is to be found in our number of last June.

PHILATELIC GOSSIP FROM THE PACIFIC.

"Let me have audience for a word or two."
Shakespeare.

BY TE AS-TEA-ROA.

Truly the clerks in the postal departments at various places, even find time for humour in their "hurry scurry" work during the sorting of the mails, as the following incident will show. A little while ago a book was received at Wellington by the New Zealand "Labour Department" from North Carolina, covered by various and amusing notes, superscribed by the postal clerks, during its period of transmission. In the first place the clerk in directing it wrote "Wellington. N.F.," instead of "Wellington, N.Z." The result was that the book has evidently made an extensive tour through the States as the post-marks show. Amongst the various memos thereno are "Not claimed"; "Don't know where to send it"; "Keep it going"; "Here goes"; "Try Australia"; and "Let her go."

Some very good examples of letters showing "*English as she is wrote*," are sometimes received by postmasters. The following I have in my possession given to me by the Chief Postmaster of the Cook Islands. It runs as follows :—

To Sir Postmaster General,

I know not much Englisch, but I dare to hope, Sir postmaster general, that you shall understand me. I am collector of used post stamps and arrive no me to procure stamps of Cook Islands.

The best middle for to obtain of these prety stamps is then Sir postmaster general, me to address that

Elevated functionary. Although I no the honour no have You to know personally, I dare to permit me, Sir postmaster general, You to come by from so good, amiable and generous to be, me some used post stamps of Cook Islands to will offer in Exchange Stamps Exchange. You would me do, Sir postmaster general, Eccessively great pleasure me to render the luckly possessor of some stamps.

I beg you verry, verry, much me to will do if you please the very great pleasure, if you are no youself collector of stamps from well to be enough, aimable and good me to will put in relation with one of yours friends desirous to Exchange of stamps Cook Islands, with Stamps of Belgium and other Countrys, will to accept Sir Postmaster general me anticipate you thanks 1000 Eccuses you derange me to have.

I am Sir postmaster general,
Very respectfully,

Now that the Cook Islands have been annexed by New Zealand, we may hope to soon see a new series of stamps, inasmuch as the present series bearing the effigy of Makea-ariki are not much liked by some of the people as she is not the queen of the whole group as is generally supposed, but is only elected "chief of the Cook Islands Federal Government," and this will most probably be done away with in place of a new legislation under New Zealand adminstration at Aitutaki—one of the Cook group—the people by common consent done away with the title of "Ariki" and those personages of "*Royal Blood*" who were once the Arikis or Kings of the land are now the same as the "Tangata-angai-puaka" or slaves, the latter having the same rights at the present time as the chiefs. It is a great pity that it is not the same all over the Cook group, for the "Arikis" and and "Matiapos" (who own all the land) have a vast amount of prestige over the lower classes of natives, which is not always used in the right way. At the present time, or rather the time when New Zealand legislation comes in force at the Cook Islands, I do not see that all the Islands should not be made the same as Aitutaki, the prestige of the chiefs being taken away from them.

Re the annexation of the Cook Islands I may mention that the following Pacific Islands have been included in the annexation papers. i.e., Penrhyn (Mangarongaro); Palmerston (Avarau); Savage (Niue); Danger (Pukapuka); Rakaanga; Manihiki; and Suwarrow Islands. Now, the question is what stamps will be used at these various islands. Formerly no stamps were used, but now times have advanced and in some cases British Agents or Representatives of the Crown have been appointed to carry out a proper Postal and Customs system, etc. So we may hope for more stamps for these Islands, although it is more than probable that the stamps that are used at the Cook Group will be used, as the Islands will be under the Governorship of Lieut-Col W. E. Gudgeon, C.M.G., who is British Resident at Rarotonga, of the Cook group. When definite news eventuates I will send you particulars, although I presume much will not be carried out till the sitting of the next New Zealand Parliament.

Despite the fact that the "Great Barrier Pigeongramme" stamps have fallen so much out of favour with collectors in general, both in the States and Canada, I venture to give a few dates, etc., in connection with same which I hope will be of use to those who still keep up these stamps.

They were first issued on 20th September, 1898, and each sheet contained 18 stamps, and there were 100 sheets "run off," consequently that issue was 1,800; they were printed by that process known as "zinco." The obliteration used for this issue was as follows: a circle with words "Great Barrier Pigeon Gram Service" around the inner side of the circle with "1898" occupying the middle of the circle. The second issue occurred on 1st January, 1899; there were 200 sheets printed, of 24 stamps per sheet; total issue 4,800 stamps. The obliteration used for this issue was the words "original Great Barrier" and "Pigeon-gram Service" in two parallel lines. After a while this issue was surcharged—or rather the remaining stamps of it—to the amount of 10 sheets of 24 stamps each, total 240 labels. The surcharge was in use all May, 1899. The second issue was done by the "stereo" process, and the surcharge was carried out by the "Observer" office. The third issue was designed by Mr. C. Holland, and was printed at the "Herald" Printing Works by the "electro" process. The first message ever "flown" from the barrier by a pigeon happened on May 14th, 1897. All dies of issues previous to the present one have been destroyed. There are 4 depots at the Great Barrier, one at the Gold and Silver Mines, Okupu, Whangaparapara and Port Fitzroy.

The success of carrying messages by pigeons induced the proprietor of the above establishment to inaugurate a service between the "Hen and Chicken" Islands (Marotiri) and Auckland, which successfully eventuated, and the "special post" Great Barrier Island stamp was surcharged "Marotiri." "Pigeon gram" which was superseded by a red coloured stamp, bearing the words "Marotiri Island"; "Copper Mines"; "Pigeon gram"; "One Shilling." This stamp is of practically the same design and shape as the "Great Barrier" series. The centre is occupied by a flying pigeon bearing a letter in its beak, the words "one shilling" being on both the right and left sides of the stamp. The system, has, up to the present day proved very successful and is running regularly.

Now that New Zealand has annexed the Cook Islands, she has appointed a chief postmaster for Raratonga from amongst her own postal officials. So now we may hope to have the postal affairs of these Islands conducted on the New Zealand system. Whether or not New Zealand stamps will be adoptod at Rarotonga will be a vital question, but we must "bide a wee" and await events.

EDITORIAL.

A TERRIBLE EXAMPLE.

Some years ago a well-known lecturer on temperance, as he travelled from town to town, is said to have carried in his train a delapidated specimen of humanity, whose duty it was to appear at each lecture, upon the platform, in an advanced state of intoxication, furnishing the lecturer a "terrible example" of the evils of drink. Whether the story is a true one or not we cannot say, but "terrible examples" are not difficult to find, in respect to any evil habit, they turn up often quite unexpectedly.

When in our issue of January, 1901, we pointed out that recent attempts to foist fiscal collecting upon philately as a legitimate branch of that science, would really injure it by introducing loose, unscientific methods, incompatible with the cohesion and completeness which form the basis of a scientific study of postage stamps, we hardly expected so soon to have a "terrible example." True philately, as we have often said, has an educational effect, it expands the mind, enlargens sympathies, and embraces the universe within its fold, it breaks down national prejudices, and tends towards the brotherhood of man. It preaches peace and illustrates the blessings of peace; while it commemorates historical events including wars, it reminds us more of the sentimental side of war than of its horrors, it speaks of missives from heroes on the battlefield to loved ones far away. Fiscal stamps, almost without exception, commemorate the evils of war, the distress, misery and taxation that ensue, while others perpetuate the memory of fines and imprisonments, and lawsuits, with all their bitterness and engendered animosity.

But to return to our "terrible example" of mental decay, caused by a departure from the paths of philately to turn to the byways of fiscalism or philo-tely. The editor of *Stamps*, modestly tells us some of his personal history, he was a follower of John Stuart Mill, he has been a contributor to the press on political, social and scientific subjects for thirty years, he has been secretary to members of parliament and ministers of the crown, he has collected stamps (preferring fiscals) since the "sixties," he classed himself amongst "the *old fogies* who invented the word '*philatelie*,'" (but on our pointing out that he had no share in that invention he now disclaims that honor) and yet with all these advantages and attainments what do we find? We find him unable to discern the vast difference there exists between the payment of taxation and freedom from taxation. We find him attributing to a word that means the latter, a definition that indicates its opposite—the former. We find him—a writer on political subjects, a follower of John Stuart Mill—unable to distinguish the difference between revenue raised by taxation and postage paid in payment of services rendered by the State, in spite of the fact that the British stamps themselves by the words POSTAGE AND REVENUE proclaim what taxation means, and what any bright school boy knows. We find him seriously propounding that because the rates of postage can be discussed in parliament, together with other estimates of income, *therefore* they are a part of taxation. We find him constantly, in his journal, narrowing down all matters to a little English standard, treating contemptuously all that is colonial or foreign, forgetting that there is a Greater Britain beyond the seas, from whom the little mother country has learned much. We find him, a writer on science in the March, 1901, issue of his journal, speaking contemptuously of an American institution as well known to scientists as say the British Association for the Advancement of Science, or the British Museum; "the Smithsonian Institute whoever or whatever that may be" were his words.

But enough, the picture of such a mental wreck is too sad—too sad. Let us turn to something pleasanter.

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THE DESCRIPTION OF FORGERIES

The *American Journal of Philately* strongly objects to the minute description of forged stamps, maintaining that it enables the counterfeiters to correct defects in their imitations; it suggests that such knowledge should be held in trust by experts, to whom doubtful stamps should be referred, and their opinion paid for by the enquirer. We cannot agree with this idea. A collector who pays for an expert's

opinion on a stamp, would appear to have a right to know upon what that opinion is based. If so, what is to prevent the counterfeiter himself, on the improbable supposition that he is not aware of the defects of his imitations, obtaining such an opinion and from the knowledge so obtained revising his products. The fullest publicity as often as a fresh imitation is made, a thorough public exposure of the forger's work, and his methods, is the surest and only way to keep such gentry in check, and to render their game not worth the candle.

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A CARELESS WRITER.

Miss Swift is not a careful reader or close observer; she makes erroneous statements in regard to the Transvaal ½d green E.R.I. in the *Bay State Philatelist* of March, that would be calculated to injure the business of those who have a stock of these stamps, based, as she admits in a letter to us, on unverified second hand information from an unreliable source. As she promises to correct the mistake in the paper in which it appeared, it is unnecessary for us to say more at present on the subject, but it would be well for the amiable young lady to take an old man's advice: "first be sure she is right and then go ahead." She has before, through want of close reading, accused us of misrepresentation, and she again makes such an accusation in the *Philatelic Bulletin* for March. It is perhaps not worth while noticing, but our readers can judge by the following reproductions whether the lady's accusation is true or false.

WHAT MISS SWIFT SAID:

"The *M. P.* doesn't seem to read its opponent's remarks very carefully, or it would not have fallen into the error of misrepresenting them. The editor of *Stamps* never claimed to have invented or to have assisted in inventing the term (Philately)."

WHAT THE EDITOR OF STAMPS SAID:

".... the old fogies who invented the word '*philatelie*,' .. and the interpretation put upon it nearly forty years ago by the collectors of stamps when the term was adopted (of whom the present writer is one)."

WHAT WE SAID:

"The editor of *Stamps* classes himself amongst a coterie of 'old fogies' whom he pretends were the inventors of the word..... The word was not made by any coterie of 'old fogies."

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FROM THE ORIGINAL SOURCE.

Several of our readers have asked us to reproduce Mons. Herpin's original article giving its modern name to postage stamp collecting. The article appeared in *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste*, Nov., 1864, and we are indebted to the courtesy of Mr. H. E. Deats for a copy, in the original French, which we take pleasure in reproducing in this number.

Previous to the appearance of this article the only name given to stamp collecting was *Timbromanie* and it was to combat this contemptuous term that Mr. Herpin wrote. Mr. E. D. Bacon's book, "The Stamp Collector," is guilty of two blunders in this connection, it gives the date of the new name as 1865, whereas it was invented in 1864. It also erroneously states that "*Timbrologie*" was the term first of all employed. We have looked through many files of old French and English magazines and can find no mention of this word. It may have been suggested somewhere, but was certainly not generally used by any writer. It was introduced at a much later date by Dr. LeGrand (the precise date perhaps one of our French readers can inform us) because that eminent authority did not consider that the term "*philately*" comprised anything but postage stamps.

It will be noticed that Mons. Herpin translates the Greek word by the French term "*affranchi*" literally "set free," but commonly applied to a prepaid letter. And he gives the signification of "*Philately*" as the love of the study of all that relates to "*affranchissement*," that is the franking or prepayment of the postage of a letter. There is not one word in the article to indicate that the inventor applied the term to the payment of taxes which are indicated by fiscal stamps, and as we have before remarked, such an application is a flagrant misconstruction of the Greek, that would not be excusable in a first year Greek student.

BAPTEME.

N'est il pas étrange que depuis six ou sept ans que l'on s'occupe de l'étude et de la recherche des timbres-poste, on n'ait pas encore songé à donner un nom à cette attrayante occupation qui fait le bonheur des uns et la fortune des autres? Il est impossible de regarder comme une dénomination acceptable le mot *timbromanie*. Ce n'est en effet qu'un terme légèrement injurieux que certaines gens, en croyant faire un mot, articulent avec une intention sarcastique d'un effet d'ailleurs assez innocent. C'est donc faute de mieux qu'on l'a employé jusqu'ici; mais il est temps de bannir ignominieusement de notre vocabulaire; bien plus, lecteurs et écrivains de ce recueil, nous devons nous efforcer d'oublier cette odieuse expression et de douter même de son existance. Maintenant, en admettant que la bête soit morte et le venin aussi, il faut lui trouver un successeur qui n'ait rien de commun avec elle et qui même compte

autant de qualités qu'elle avait de défauts. Mais où trouver cet oiseau rare? Chacun pouvant donner son avis sur cette grave question, et la fortune favorisant les audacieux, nous nous hasardons à formuler ici notre opinion.

Tout le monde a pu remarquer que la plupart des mots nouveaux avaient pour racine des mots anciens, sans doute à cause de l'affinité que les extrêmes ont les uns pour les autres; or, les néologismes empruntant leurs éléments aux Latins et aux Grecs, nous allons tenter aussi une incursion dans l'un de ces idiomes. Nous entendons déjà les cent voix de la critique nous crier:

Qui nous délivrera des Grecs et des Romains!

Nous bravons ces vaines clameurs, nous poursuivons notre carière, selon l'expression de M. Baour-Lormian, et nous nous disons que puisque la numismatique a tiré son nom du latin *numisma*, médaille, et la sphragistique (étude des sceaux, sans jeu de mots)du grec *σφραγιξω, je scelle*, nous pouvions aussi, vu sa richesse, faire quelque emprunt à cette langue généreuse et proposer aux amateurs le mot: *Philatélie*, comme exprimant l'idée que le terme odieux stigmatisé plus haut s'efforçait de ridiculiser.

Philatélie est formé de deux mots grecs: *φιλος* ami, amateur, et *ατελης* (en parlant d'un objet) franc, libre de toute charge ou impôt, affranchi: substantif: *ατελεια*. Philatélie signifierait donc: amour de l'étude de tout ce qui se rapporte à l'affranchissement.

Maintenant, puisque le mot est lâché et que le nouveaux-né a vu le jour, en vue d'augmenter ses chances de bonheur et de prospérité, nous prions instamment nos jeunes et charmantes lectrices d'en être les marraines. Eh quoi! dira-t-on, vous parlez grec aux jeunes filles? C'est choisir un singulier moyen pour leur plaire et demandeur leur patronge. Le moyen n'est peut-être pas si mauvais que vous le supposez. Qui sait si l'étrangeté même de la requête ne sera pas sa meilleure recommendation. A qui donc, d'ailleurs, une chose nouvelle, un mot nouveau, peuvent-ils demander aide et protection, si ce n'est à la jeunesse amie des nouveautés en toute chose, et dont les faibles implorent bien rarement en vain la générosité? Du reste, au nom du grec, nous n'affichons aucune des folles prétentions du Vadius de notre Molière. C'est donc sans témérité, mais aussi sans embarras que nous sollicitons l'approbation de la plus belle moitié du genre humain, sûrs que nous sommes, si nous l'obtenons, de celle de l'autre moitié.

En définitive, nous n'imposons rien; seulement la lice étant ouverte, nous attendons, nous sollicitons même les communications qui auraient trait à cette question, nous déclarant d'avance tout prêts à nous ranger à l'avis d'un *Philatéle* mieux inspiré.

(*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste*, Vol. I., Nr. 5, Nov., 1864.)

COOK AND HERVEY ISLANDS.

South Pacific Ocean.

By Vivian C. Gosset, Auckland, N.Z.

I. Description of Group.

Far away in the South Eastern Pacific Ocean, lying between the parallels of 21° 47′ and 18° 15′ south latitude, are a certain group of islands known to most people as the Cook or Hervey group. Now, as these islands have lately become British property, and will, for the future, be administered under British rule; and should therefore be of interest to all British subjects on the face of the globe, I will endeavour to give a few notes, Philatelic and otherwise, regarding them. Apart from their being of interest to British subjects, the fact of the recent annexation* should bestir some interest in the Philatelic fraternity, inasmuch as there are various changes that will most likely be wrought in the Philatelic Department.

I have heard, perhaps, hundreds of people talk of the whole group as the Hervey group, and I am aware that it is more generally called so by those who do not know. The *Hervey Group*, which I believe was discovered by Capt. Cook, consists of two small coral atolls, each of about 1,000 acres in extent, surrounded by the one encircling reef. The names of these islands are Manuae, and Te-Au-o-tu. They are at present leased by a trading firm at Rarotonga, and used as a vast cocoanut plantation. The Cook group of Islands (named after Capt. Cook) are as follows: Rarotonga, Mangaia, Aitutaki, Atiu, Mitiaro Mauke and Takuatea. The last mentioned island is a small atoll lying about 10 miles off Atiu, and is about 600 acres in extent. It was used at one time as a penal settlement, but on account of not been inhabited was abandoned; the Island of Manuae being used in its stead, all the prisoners of the Cook Island government being now sent to the latter place.

Rarotonga is the principal and at the same time the most picturesque island of the whole group. This island was discovered by Messrs. Williams and Bourne, of the London Missionary Society, in 1823, and has for many years been the headquarters of the London Missionary Society in the Eastern Pacific; this Society has missionaries at all of the Cook Islands, and well built churches and well organized missions. There is no doubt that for some considerable time previous to the Island being discovered in 1823 that numerous whalers used to visit the harbour of Ngatangiia to get stores and refit, as the old native traditions show. Since 1892 the interests of the islands have been guarded and directed by a British Resident named by the New Zealand Government.

* The Cook and other Pacific Islands were annexed by Lord Ranfurly, Governor of New Zealand, in October, 1900.

(To be Continued.)

The Canadian Philatelic Society.

Organized September, 1898, as the League of Canadian Philatelists.

President—W. Kelsey Hall, Peterboro, Ont.
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Official Organ—The Montreal Philatelist.

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Secretary's Report.

NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED.

237. L. S. Holmes; 238. Frank D. Murphy

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

239. Eden D. Kinzie, box 98, Berlin, Ont., student. Ref., G. A. McIntyre, W. H. Schmalz.

240. Hiram Michaels, office of the Solicitor of the Treasury, Washington, D.C., clerk. Ref., William H. Morrison, John Byrne.

241. Hamilton H. White, 214 Ackerman Ave., Syracuse, N.Y., student. Ref., C. W. Brown, H. Smith.

242. Wilcox Smith & Co., box 17, Dunedin, New Zealand. Ref., W. K. Hall, H. Smith.

243. Adelard Huard, 181 Ste. Cecile St., Quebec, P.Q., bookkeeper. Ref., F. W. Wurtele, S. Tanner Green.

C. H. FOWLE, Sec.

REPORT ON SALES DEPARTMENT.

It is now some few months since I made any report on the Sales Department. I am pleased to say it is still working fairly satisfactorily, as will be shown by figures at foot. Still there are a few points to which I would wish to draw the attention of the members. It is very essential that I should receive report of every Circuit passing through the hands of a member, whether he makes a purchase or not, it materially assists me in keeping track of the Circuits. There being now so many circulating, it is desirable that they can be located at any time. Most of the members are very particular in forwarding promptly and reporting, while others hold the Circuits an unnecessary length of time and don't make any report for weeks. This gets me into trouble with sellers for holding their books so long. It is not much trouble to just mail the report slip when forwarding Circuit, or even a postal card when nothing has to be enclosed.

Sales have been as high as 75 per cent. of total value in some cases, where stamps are in good condition and priced reasonably. In other cases they are small, where sellers throw in anything and mark the stamps high and then expect them to sell, and when disappointed with the sales, possibly think the Superintendent has not done his duty by them.

I regret to say I have had a few cases of substitution, but think I have now got beyond the delinquents, and a pretty sharp check is being kept upon any doubtful members. Members should be particularly careful who they recommend to participate in this Department.

BLANK BOOKS.—I shall feel obliged if members will use the Department book. Considerable expense has been incurred in having these specially prepared and printed. Ordinary books and those of other Societies give a great deal of trouble in fixing up, and being of various sizes the stamps are liable to be cut by string or creased, and they make awkward packages.

I shall be pleased to receive the names of any other members wishing to be placed on Circuit.

STATEMENT.

695 books rec'd to date, amounting to	$11,090.94
Books retired, amounting to	7,703.23
Still in circulation	$ 3,387.71
Sales from Books returned	$ 1,803.83
" reported on Books circulating	271.00
	$ 2,074.83
Circuits sent out	108
" returned	88
In circulation	20
No. of Members participating in Department	80

H. SMITH, Sales Supt.
42 Dudley St,, Medford, Mass.
March 3rd, 1902.

AUCTION DEPARTMENT.

* Means unused.

Lot No.		Cat. Value.	Res. Price.
1	Hawaii, 1882, 10c black, trifle off centre, fine copy		$ .80
2	Hawaii, 1883, 25c violet, trifle off centre, otherwise fine		1.75
3	Hawaii, 1875, 12c black, fine..		1.00
4	" 1864, 18c dull rose, fine..		.75
5	" 9 var, Nos *30, 31, 33, 35, 39, *42, 43, 44, 76, fair copies...		.90
6	Hawaii envelopes, 1883, 1, 2, 4, 5 and 10c, fine margins, cut square		1.00
7	Canada Jubilee, $2, used, fine...		.70
8	" " 6c, original cover, little off centre		.35
9	Canada Jubilee, $5, used, fine (sells for $2.00)		1.50

Lot No.		Cat. Value.	Res. Price.
10	Canada, 1900, 20c olive, 5 fine copies, used		$ .40
11	Canada, 1893, 20c rose, 5 fine copies, used		.35
12	Canada, 1897, 8c, 4 leaves, fine, 25 copies		.50
13	100 Canada, 1897, 5c, 4 leaves, fine		.75
14	100 " 1898, 5c, 2 " "		.30
15	100 " 1870, 2c, green, "		.20
16	100 " 1893, 8c, slate, "		.40
17	100 " 3c Jubilees, "		.40
18	100 " 1897, 1c, 4 leaves, "		.25
19	100 " 1897, 2c, 4 " "		.40
20	100 " ½c Numerals, "		.40
21	300 " 3c " "		.45
22	300 " 3c, 4 leaves		.50
23	100 " 2c Maps		.50
24	Quebec Assurance Stamp, 10 and 40c green	$ 1.10	.25
25	Quebec Assurance Stamp, $1 lilac, slight tear, not noticed	1.75	.40
26	2 ½c Jubilees and 1 6c Jubilee, used on surcharged envelope, 1877 issue, fine		1.00
27	5 diff. ½c stamps, including 1868 and Jubilee and 5c Jubilee on original cover, fine, used		.10
28	Newfoundland, 1863, *1s, fine		.90
29	" 1863, *5d brown, block of 4, fine		3.75
30	Newfoundland, 1863, *5d brown, strip of 3, fine		1.90
31	Newfoundland, 1863, *4d, fine		.60
32	" 1863, *6d, "		.45
33	" 1857, *3d green, fine		1.00
34	Nova Scotia, *1c and 2c, fine		.75
35	Vancouver Island, 1865, 5c rose, one side cut close, slight tear in lower corner repaired, fair specimen		1.75
36	British Columbia, *3d, close margins, repaired, good		.30
37	New Brunswick, 1c brown-violet, repaired, not noticeable		.50
38	P. E Island, *1, 2 and 6c, little off centre, fair		.40
39	P. E. Island, *3, 4 and 12c, fine, o.g.		.90
40	U.S. Navy, 6c blue, used, fine		.25
41	6 sheets foreign, 150, mostly all different....about	2.30	
42	Gibraltar, 1889, *5d No. 29, fine, o.g.		1.00
43	Porto Rico, 3c Jubilee, fine		.50
44	* " on U.S., *2, 5, 8 and 10c		.35
45	Canada, 1882, 2c blue-green, ribbed paper, fine		1.25
46	Canada, 1870, 1c yellow, ribbed paper, fine		1.25
47	100 Canada. 2 on 3c Numeral, fine		.75
48	25 " 2c orange (registered)		.20
49	50 " 5c green "		.30

Successful bidders notified, when prompt remittance is expected. Sale closes April 5th. Address bids to G. P. LeGrand, New Carlisle, P.Q.

FROM THE PUBLISHER.

It has heretofore been my rule to allow a 30-word exchange notice free three times for every new subscriber or renewal. I find, however, with the greatly increased subscription list that I now have, that these notices are taking up too much space, in fact encroaching upon space that should be given to reading matter. I also notice that there is a sameness about these ads, and that in most cases the only important part is the address. With this number I commence an exchange column for collectors, in which only names and addresses will appear, under the collective heading of "Exchange Wanted," one insertion in this column will cost 5c, six times, 25c, or twelve times 40c, cash in advance. For each subscription or renewal four insertions will be given free. By this arrangement my subscribers get one more advertisement than under the old plan, and it relieves the tax upon my reading matter space. Free ads now running or already contracted for will be continued until expiry in Wants and Offers column, which will be maintained for paid ads at the same low rates as have heretofore prevailed.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

EXCHANGE WANTED.

1 insertion 5c, 6 insertions 25c 12 insertions 40c.
Name and address only.

Jas. Williams, 134 Milton st., Montreal, Canada.

WANTS AND OFFERS.

Regular rates are ½c per word. Nothing less than 15c taken. Three insertions for price of two.

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100 words	(to be used within	12	months)	45
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1000 do	do	do	do	3 20

Contracts made at these reduced rates for this column are payable strictly in advance.

WANTED--The following back numbers of this paper, 1, 3, 4, 5 and 8. Will give advertising space or good stamps for clean copies. W. JAS. WURTELE. 126 St. James Street. Montreal.

For Sale, back numbers of this paper, Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 22, 24, 27, 29, out of print; Nos. 2, 6, 7, 25c each; 17, 19, 26, 28, 15c each; Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 25, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 10c each; Vol. II., complete, 60c; Vol. III., complete, $1.00. Address, THE PUBLISHER.

WANTED to complete our files, a few clean copies of the Montreal Philatelist, Nos. 22, 24, 27, 28, 29. Address, THE PUBLISHER.

FOR each set of Pan-American, or for each 100 1c and 2c mixed, I will send 15 varieties New Zealand postage stamps. H. BOLITHO, Auckland, New Zealand. tf

CANADA REVENUES. — In grand variety given in exchange for United States Revenues, also want foreign Postage and Revenues, entires and postcards; offer best of exchange from our fine approval Sheets or 30 Page Price list which is free. Agents wanted ATLAS STAMP & PUB. CO., London, Ont. 6 5 10

H. RUDD, accounting dept., G P.O. Capetown, Cape Colony, will give in exchange for every post card, envelope or wrapper posted him equivalent value in South African entires. Collectors in Br. Colonies are requested to send him unused sets of stamps, one each ½d to 1s, or equivalent, he will reciprocate. African correspondent for the MONTREAL PHILATELIST. tf

I HAVE 10, 00 United States stamps to exchange with collectors in all countries. PAUL W. PRECHOCHI, South Broad Street, Meriden, Conn. S3-7-9

EXCHANGE wanted with collectors all over the world. No very common or continentals will be accepted. We will not send first. THE ODESSA STAMP CO., 69 Theodore St., Detroit, Mich., U.S.A S3-7-9

H. LUCKE, Grosswechsungen b, Nordhansen, Germany, wishes relation of exchange with collectors in all countries. Cards, envelopes and tamps. Send registered. I have also several German centenary cards. S-3-7-9

EXCHANGE desired with collectors in all parts of the world. HERBERT DUDLEY, 413 Mance St , Montreal, Canada. S3-7-9

LOUIS SEGUIN, 15 Grand Place, St. Quentin, (Aisne) France, desires to exchange stamps with collectors everywhere, Canada, Newfoundland and United States preferred. Send sheets and receive mine. Basis, latest catalogues. Scott Senf or Yvert and Tellier. p3-7-9

PLEASE send stamps or postcards with views of your country and you will receive the same from Holland and Colonies or others. W. VAN de WETERING, Oostkousdijk, 71 Rotterdam. Correspondence in English, French, German, Dutch, Norge. Member Berlin Nordhansen S3-7-9

CASH or good exchange given for Canadian entires and cards. THE TRADERS' STAMP CO , 8 E 133 Street, New York, N.Y. S3-7-9

H. R. BAUDRY, 520 Ellice West, Winnipeg, Canada, will send 35 vars. of Canadian postage, post free in surcharge envelope, for 35c. S3-7-9

WANTED to exchange Canada stamps for Hayti, Tunis, Congo and Mauritius. When writing state what kind of Canada you want. SYDNEY BALLEINE, P.O. Box 5, Cape Cove, P.Q. S3-7-9

WOULD like to hear from collectors of foreign countries desiring to exchange their duplicates for U. S. postage and revenue stamps. Basis Scott's 1902. OSBORNE B. PROUTY, 148 Welles Ave., New Dorchester, Mass. S3-7-9

ONE or 2 cent Pans for ½ cent Canadians. A 4 cent for 10 ½ cent ones. Reply with ½ cent postage. ROBERT LILLY, 294 Alexander Avenue, New York City. S3-7-9

COLLECTORS—Get your name in a "Collectors Directory" and receive by every mail stamps, packets price lists, etc., galore. Only costs you 20c. in silver, or will exchange for stamps at 60 p.c. from Scott's. You'll have to hurry. Directory will soon be in print. A. M. KENNEDY, 252 Hargrave St., Winnipeg, Canada. S3-7-6

STAMP, COIN and Paper Money Collectors' Association. A new society. Blanks furnished, also information, for 2c. Read Adhesive ad. elsewhere. HENRY A. CHAPMAN, Rocky Hill, Conn. S3-8-10

ADHESIVE—Volume I. ($1.25 and Volume II. ($2.00), with index, unbound, flat. Both scarce. Bound. 50c more per volume. Read Adhesive ad. elsewhere. H. A. CHAPMAN, Rocky Hill, Conn. S3-8-10

I HAVE for exchange, post cards, envelopes and stamps, both Canada and foreign, for others not in my collection. Value for value. GEORGE PACK, Kamloops, B.C., Canada. I never send first. S3-8-10

ANY KIND and quantity Canada stamps wanted in exchange for unused sets Costa Rica Revenues, 1c to $25. The common 1c, 2c and 3c only taken by the 1,000. B. SIGALL, 114 Suffolk St., New York. S3-8-10

WILL EXCHANGE 10 different stamp papers for any Canadian stamp cataloging 10 cents, or 15 papers for Canada silver dime before 1880. Have complete volumes of *Philatelic Era* to exchange on same basis. O. E. JACOBSEN, 2420 Hill St., Boulder, Colorado. S3-8-10

SWITZERLAND.—Send me 50 stamps from your country and you will receive same number and value, including Jubilee 1901. CHARLES DUBOIS, Numa-Dioz 41, Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland. p3-8-10

WANTED to exchange 25-50 stamps from U.S. for Bolivia, Brazil, Hayti, Turkey and Greece. CHARLES GREEN, Woodlawn Park, Scranton, Pa., U.S A. S3-8-10

EXCHANGE desired with collectors living in British Colonies. Fair and prompt dealings; always answer. GEO. W. NICHOALDS, Box 928, Eureka Springs, Ark., U.S.A. S3-8-10

WANTED.—MONTREAL PHILATELIST numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 27, 29. Will give Canada 1898-'9 1, 2, 3. 5c. stamps in exchange. E. ROBERT, 385 Sherbrooke St., Montreal, Canada. S3-8-10

CANADA '52 3d, '59 10c, '68 all values, '72-1901 5c slate-green 6c, 8c orange 10c, 15c and 20c wmkd, for good exchange. MATTHEW R. KNIGHT, Boiestown, New Brunswick. S3-8-10

EXCHANGE DESIRED with serious collectors from Great Britain and Colonies, Central and South America, Oceania. Prompt reply assured. English or French correspondence. CHARLES BERTRAND, Isle-Verte, P.Q., Canada. S3-8-10

ADVERTISERS' circulars mailed 10c. per 100 Collectors, 12 different Souvenir cards or sheet of stamps cataloguing 75c, for only 15c. Papers wanted. CHAS. A. PHILDIUS, 124 Java St., Brooklyn, N.Y. S3-8-10

NEWFOUNDLAND and West Indian stamps wanted. Wish to exchange Canadian for those mentioned. Have complete sets issue prior to Jubilee, Maple Leaf, Numerals, Maps, Surcharges. H. B. PERRIN, Dauphin, Manitoba. S3-8-10

I WOULD like to exchange stamps with collectors all over the world, by the 50 or 100, and with stamps on sheets marked after a catalogue. Correspond in English, German, or French. SIMON BLUM, Cold Spring, Stearns County, Minnesota, U S.A. S3-8-10

EXCHANGE by want list or an approval some British Colonial Shilling for others of same class. I do not send first without reference. W. E. CONNER, Ballston, Oreg. S3-8-10

WILL exchange 1,000 fine monthly stamp papers for 1,000 of yours or for $5.00 catalogue value in goed stamps. Send me 75 var. stamps of your country for equal number and value of U.S. W. C. WENDOVER, Westbury, Wayne Co., N.Y., U.S.A. S-3-8-10

FOREIGNERS writing me and using as many stamps and varieties as possible for postage will receive 25 vars. U. S. stamps by return mail. L. E. HAGEMANN, Harvey, Ills., U.S.A. S3-8-10

WANTED—Exchange with all countries, China, Japan and India preferred, will give U S. and Canadian in exchange. DAVID K. LEE, 130 Rupert St., Winnipeg, Man., Canada. S3-8-10

BUFFALO.—Wanted to purchase, for exchange in Canada stamps used Pan-American sets 1-10c. complete, send me what you can spare with lowest offer, and shall remit cash or exchange, only fine specimens. G. P. LEVRAND, New Carlisle, P.Q. 2c-8-9

WANTED to purchase Canada used stamps, from 5c value and higher, best cash prices paid, write stating what you can offer, enclosing stamp for reply. For sale Newfoundland Royal Portraits complete, ½-5c unused, postpaid in stamped envelope, 30c. G. P. LEGRAND, New Carlisle, P.Q. 3c-8-10

WANTED to purchase used stamps of Newfoundland, all issues, exchange or cash. Send best offers, Canada purple envelope, entire and rare only, 40c. each. G. P. LEGRAND, New Carlisle, P.Q. 3c-8-10

FOREIGN EXCHANGE.—Have good variety Canadian stamps for exchange with responsible collectors abroad, prefer all British colonies, wholesale exchange also desired, send me good variety on sheets, or assorted in quantities of 5 and 10 each, and shall return equal value, Basis Scotte, have 2c purple envelopes, also high value jubilees used for exchange only, can guarantee prompt replies. Wish exchange with Newfoundland collectors of good standing. G. P. LEGRAND, New Carlisle, P. Q., Can. Auction Mgr. C. P. Society. 3c8-10

HAWAIAN, Chinese and Japanese stamps and view-cards exchange wanted. Common refused. Always answer promptly. N. ISHIBASHI, Kanatomicho, Koishikawaku, Tokyo, Japan. p1-8-11

HONEST COLLECTORS in every country send 50 to 200 good stamps (no common) and receive splendid exchange in Siamese and old Swiss stamps. Basis Sent or Scott. HENRY HOFMANN, Wetzikon, Switzerland. S3-8-10

WANTED high value U.S. and blocks of unused Canada Jubilee. Will give good foreign, U. S. revenue, high value postage dues or cash. JOHN W. COONAN, Nyack, N.Y. S3-8-10

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" " 1894, 1d carmine	.06
British Guiana, 1889, 2c lilac & black	.18
" " 1900, 2c lilac and rose	.04
Cape Good Hope, 1898, 3d choc-brown	.09
" " 1893, ½d green	.03
" " 1893, 1d carmine	.04
" " 1900, 1d carmine-rose	.03
Malta, ½d green	.02
" 1d carmine	.03
" 2d grey	.06
" 2½d ultramarine	.08
" 4d brown	.12
" 5d red	.15
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New Zealand, 2½d waki	$ .09
" " Universal 1d, London pt., no wmk	.06
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Negri Sembilan, 4 on 8c, 1899	.08
Tasmania, 1857, 1d carmine, cat. $1.00	.35
" 1871, 1d rose cat. 85c	.30
" 2½d on 9d, light blue	.08
Transvaal, E.R.I., ½d green	.08
" " ½ on 2d brown	.04
Victoria, 1897, 1½d green	.06
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5c vermilion	.04	.02
12½c green	.35	.25
17c blue	.85	.75
1868, ½c black	.18	.12
1c brown-red	.30	.15
2c green	.10	.06
3c red	.04	.02
6c brown	.20	.10
12½c blue	.25	.20
1869, 1c yellow	.40	.20
1870, 1c dark orange (small)	.08	.04
1872, 6c yellow-brown	.05	.03
1874, 10c rose-lilac	.30	.15
15c dull violet	.10	.05
1875, 5c olive green (large)	.50	.40
1876, 5c slate green (small)	.01	.01
15c grey	.10	.05
1882, ½c black	.02	.01
1888, 5c grey	.01	.01
1890, 6c red-brown	.04	.02
1892, 20c vermilion	.12	.06
50c deep blue	.25	.12
1893, 8c lilac grey	.03	.02
1895, 8c slate	.02	.01
1896, 8c purple-black	.06	.02
1897, ½c black Jubilee	.25	.15
2c green	.04	.02
5c blue	.10	.06
6c brown	.50	.25
8c violet	.18	.10
10c purple	.18	.12
15c steel blue	.25	.20

	Cat. Price	Our Price
1897, 20c vermilion	$ .35	$ .25
50c ultramarine	.30	.20
½c black, 4 leaves	.02	.01
5c blue, "	.03	.01
6c brown, "	.10	.05
8c orange, "	.05	.02
10c violet, "	.18	.10
1898, ½c black, 2 leaves	.01	.01
6c brown, " (rare)	.05	.05
8c orange, " "	.05	.03
10c violet, "	.08	.02
1901, 20c olive, "	.12	.06
1898, 2c lavender and carmine	.02	.01
2c blue and carmine	.02	.01
1899, 2c surch. on 3c 1897	.03	.01
2c " 3c 1898	.02	.01
1875, 2c orange, registered	.03	.01
5c green, "	.02	.01
1898, 10c green, special del	.10	.05
1877, 1c blue, envelope, entire	.04	.02
1c ultra., " "	.10	.05
3c red, " "	.08	.04
1895, 2c green, " "	.06	.04
1898, 3c red, " "	.08	.04
1899, 2c sur on 3c '77, env. "	.30	.15
2c " 3c '98, " "	.10	.05
1875, 1c blue, wrapper	.25	.15
1887, 1c " "	.10	.08
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NEWS OF THE MONTH

After fifty years of an honorable philatelic career, Wurtemberg as a stamp issuing country, comes to an end. The stamps of the German Empire since April 1st, are the only ones used throughout that kingdom. The student of history, as told in stamps, will always find much of interest in the emissions of the German states. They are not what are called "pretty" stamps, and have not had the fortune or misfortune to have even been fashionable stamps, but there is a warm corner in the heart of all veteran collectors for the good solid old Germans. Baden, Bremen, Brunswick, Hamburg, Hanover, Lubeck, the Mecklenburgs, Oldenburg, Prussia, Saxony and now Wurtemberg have all been absorbed by the Deutsches Reich. Only Bavaria remains with its postal autonomy, of the good old stand byes, current when philately had its birth. Will it, too, lose its postal identity? The album of the future will tell us.

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ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—(*Official 2c.*)—The 2c stamp of the new official set, of the issue of which some doubts were expressed in our Feb. number, has since appeared in the color originally announced—orange brown.

AUSTRIA.—(*35 heller stamp.*)—A new value has to be added to the current set, 35 heller green, with numerals in the corners in black. It is like the rest of the series, surcharged with diagonal bars of yellow varnish.

BELGIUM.—(*Postal packet stamps.*)—Several new stamps have recently been added to the "postal packet" or "railway" series, as follows:—30c orange, 40c green, 70c blue, 90c red. The central figures are, as in the other values of the set, in black. Two other values fr. 1.10 and 3 fr. will probably be issued soon.

BRAZIL.—(*New stamps ordered.*)—*S. G. Monthly* states:—"This country has ordered a complete new outfit of stamps and postal stationery of all kinds from Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd., of London, so we may hope before long to see signed and badly executed labels which have been issued in Brazil during the last twenty years."

BRITISH GUIANA.—(*6c color changed.*)—The *Am. J. of P.*, on the authority of a German paper, reports the 6c changed in colors from lilac and brown to grey-black and ultramarine.

BULGARIA.—(*Provisional unpaid letter stamps*).—The stamps mentioned in our February number, surcharged "T" were unofficial; they were used at the Rustchuk office only for a few days in December during a temporary lack of the regular unpaid letter stamps.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—(*The new stamps.*)—We illustrate the type of the new stamps announced last month. The 2½d and 6d have the figures of value on a background of horizontal lines, while in the 1s there is no background.

COLUMBIA REPUBLIC.—(*Cartagena Provisionals.*)—From Mr. M. D. Senior we have received specimens of two new provisionals, 5 centavos violet and 10c brown. They are coarsely lithographed stamps, with a rough pin perforation, and bear as a control mark a five pointed star, hand stamped in red.

CURACAO.—(*Provisional 12½c.*)—The *Am. J. of P.* reports the current Netherlands 12½c blue surcharged with the word CURACAO at bottom and the value in the upper corners.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—(*Unpaid letter stamps.*)—A set of lithographed unpaid letter stamps has been issued, consisting of 1, 4, 6 and 10 cents, all in blue on white paper. They are rough lithographs of square shape, having the king's initials and a crown in the centre.

GAMBIA.—(*King's head 1d.*)—The 1d carmine has been issued with the official profile of King Edward VII. The type is the same as that of Cayman Islands.

GERMANY.—(*Change of inscription.*)—The stamps promised for April 1st, to be used throughout the Empire, and superseding the separate issue of Wurtemberg, are now issued. The set includes all values from 2 pf to 5 mark, and the usual postal stationery. The only change is that the word REICHSPOST is replaced by DEUTSCHES REICH. The stamps with the old inscription have ceased to have a postal value, but they can be exchanged for the new kind.

GOLD COAST.—(*2d stamp.*)—The current series of Qneen's heads has been completed by the issue of the 2d value, in lilac and red.

GREAT BRITAIN.—(*King Edward stamps.*)—Adhesive stamps of the values 1½d, 2d, 3d and 1s, of the same designs and colors as the old issue, but bearing the King's portrait, were to appear March 24th, and we understand they are now in use. The 4d, 2s 6d, 5s and 10s have been promised for the first or second week of April. The corner letters are to be omitted from the three high values, but, beyond the substitution of the portrait, the designs will not be otherwise changed. The color of the 5s is to be vermilion, other colors to be continued as in the current series.

GREECE.—(*Unpaid letter stamps.*)—A set of unpaid letter stamps has been issued with a large numeral as the principle feature of the design. The values and colors are reported to be the same as those of the current series of the adhesive postage stamps.

HONG KONG.—(*12c on C. A. paper.*)—The 12c, printed in dark, instead of pale blue, has appeared on paper water-marked crown and C. A.

MAURITIUS.—(*Prorisional 12c.*)—The 18c green and ultramarine has been surcharged 12 CENTS in black.

NICARAGUA.—(*5c and 10c local print.*)—*Mekeel's Weekly* reports three stamps of the 1900 type, but of local manufacture and poorly executed by lithography. They are the 5c in dark blue and in carmine, and 10c purple. It is expected that other values will follow of this local print.

PERU.—(*22c of new design.*)—The 22-cent green, reported in our November number, with figure of Liberty similar to the 1895 issue, has been issued.

ORANGE RIVER—(*Provisional 4d.*)—The 6d blue V.R.I. has been surcharged "4d" in red.

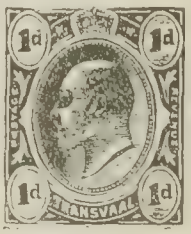
PERSIA.—(*Provisional 5 kran.*)—The current 50 kran brown has been surcharged diagonally 5k and Arabic characters. A number of other surcharges are reported, but as their object has not been explained, we consider them of little interest

ROUMANIA.—(*15b in new color.*)—We have received from Whitfield, King & Co. the current 15 bani in a new color—lilac-grey instead of black, on pink tinted paper.

ST. HELENA.—(*King's head ½ and 1d.*)—Two stamps, ½d green and 1d rose, of similar design to the Cayman Islands, have been issued.

SOMALI COAST.—(*Provisional stamps.*)—Several provisional stamps have lately been issued. 5c surcharged on 75c, 10c on 1fr, 40c on 2fr and 75c on 5fr, also 5c surcharged on the Obock 75c.

SPAIN.—(*15c in new color.*)—Whitfield, King & Co. send us the current 15 cent. printed in pale lilac instead of blue black. The reason given for this change is that the former color was too dark to show the cancellation clearly



TRANSVAAL. — (*King's head set.*)—According to a German paper the entire set of King Edward stamps has been sent out to the colony and is possibly now in use. The values and colors are as follows:

½d green, head in grey-black
1d rose, " "
2d lilac, " "
2½d ultramarine, head in grey-black
6d yellow brown, " "
1s olive green, " "
2s dark brown. " "
2s 6d grey-black, head in lilac
5s brown on yellow, head in grey-black
10s brown on red, " "

TRINIDAD.—(*5s in new colors*).—Mr. M. D. Senior informs us of a change of color in the current 5 shilling stamp. The label at bottom containing the value in now purple, and the body of the stamp lilac. The design and size remain the same as the 1896 issue in green and orange.

UNITED STATES. — (*McKinley post cards*).—The 1c post cards were reported last month as issued; this was a mistake on the part of a Washington correspondent. The proofs of the design were accepted by the P. O. Department, but trial specimens on card, turned out so poorly that it has been decided to entirely re-engrave the die. It is now stated that these new cards will not be ready before July.

COOK AND HERVEY ISLANDS.

South Pacific Ocean.

By Vivian C. Gosset, Auckland, N.Z.

(Continued.)

It is very mountainous, and so fertile is the soil that the mountains are clothed in tropical vegetation to their very summits. The highest mountains are Te Atukura, 3,100 feet, (the red God); Ikurangi (the tail of heaven); Maungaroa (long mountain) and Te Ko'ou (the mist) from these mountains various streams wind their way down the beautiful valleys to the sea. In the various valleys tropical fruits abound in profusion, oranges, bananas, mangoes, pineapples, nita, etc., etc. There are some magnificent views to be had from the valleys looking from amongst the tropical vegetation out to sea, and one thinks of the words in "The Ice God," viz.:

"We dream in the waving mango's shade,
'Neath the sunny southern skies,
We watch the glorious sea lights fade,
And gaze into Beauty's eyes.
In the Orient's shimmering light,
In the heat waves 'neath the Line,
And the domed zenith glaring height
We can see the sun god's sign."

There are six settlements in Rarotonga, of which Avarua is the principle.

Aitutaki, is, like Rarotonga, of volcanic origin, having very rich volcanic soil, the products and vegetation corresponding with that of Rarotonga. There is a government agent at this island under the British Resident and Arikis of Rarotonga. The Island of Aitutaki is surrounded by a big encircling reef, on which are about twenty small Islands, all planted by the natives with cocoanuts, and during the copra season a great amount of this valuable commercial commodity is obtained from these islands, or "motus" as they are ealled by the natives. Aitutaki lies about 120 miles north of Rarotonga, and 60 miles north-west of the Hervey Islands. Population is about 1,600.

Mangaia lies about 160 miles to the S.E. of Rarotonga, it is a very fertile island with a population of 2,500 approximately. It is a most peculiar instance of volcanic action, and there is only one other like instance I know of, that is the Island of Java.

Mangaia Island is about 600 feet high in the middle, surrounded along the extreme shore by a broad belt of coral rock about 120 to 200 feet high, known as the "makatea," and to land, one has to climb this belt of rock to the land above, the "makatea" nearly all round the island goes down precipitiously to the sea; the encircling reef being very close to the base of the makatea.

Atiu is a large, well-wooded and fertile island to the N.E. of Rarotonga. Here again we see the existence of former volcanic action, it was probably in prehistoric times upheaved, as around the shore is a belt of upheaved coral rock. The population of Atiu is about 1.500. but there are about 900 Atiuans living at a settlement of their own at Tahiti. Atiu is a very productive island as regards tropical produce, much copra and coffee being exported to Tahiti.

Mitiaro and Mauke are lowlying small islands about 33 and 65 miles respectively to the West of Atiu. They are under the sway of the chiefs of Atiu, as the people of that island conquered those of Mitiaro and Mauke about 110 years ago. There are not a great many people at these two islands as there is not a great amount of fertile land, the greater part of these islands being sand, as most "atolls" are. However, oranges, cocoanuts and bananas flourish there. The above is a brief "resumen" of the Cook and Hervey Group of Islands. In the next few paragraphs I will deal with the Government, products and the people they are inhabited by, before I proceed on to that part dealing with philately.

II. The Government.

The system of the Government instituted for the benefit of the Federation is not easy to describe. Previous to the advent of the First British Resident in 1892, the laws then existing were made chiefly by the Arikis and the early missionaries. Justice—in a very primitive and biased manner—being carried out by the Arikis courts. The judge's decision being easily obtained in favour of one party or another according to the amount of the bribe offered. Since 1892 up to 1900, a regular parliament has been elected, there being three members from Rarotonga, three from Aitutaki, three from Mangaia, and one each from Atiu, Mitiaro and Mauke, 12 altogether, including the chairman. This was supposed to make laws for the whole of the group, but the Government is really in the hands of the British Resident and Arikis, who have to approve all laws, etc., passed by the Parliament before they come into force. Since 1900 the parliament has been done away with, the making of laws being carried out by the Arikis and British Resident. There is a High Court of Justice in the Cook Islands, being instituted in 1879, Lt.-Col. W. E. Gudgeon, C.M.G., the British Resident, being the Chief Justice. Rarotonga is the seat of the Government, also all the headquarters of the trading firms being there. There are five Arikis at Rarotonga, of whom Makea Ariki was elected chief of the government, and it is her effigy that is on the stamps of the present day. She is not the Queen of the Group, or even of Rarotonga, but only elected Chief of the Federal Government. On 31st July, 1893, the Parliament passed the "Federal Flag Act, 1893," which instituted that the islands should have a flag of their own, which has been used up to the annexation in 1900. The following is the schedule:

The Flag to be in proportions of three to two in length and breadth, with three

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EDITORIAL.

DANISH WEST INDIES.

The *Philatelic Journal of G. B.* has a timely editorial, in its February number, on "Fashions in stamps" in connection with the recent craze for African colonials. It remarks that collectors who are now filling up their vacant spaces in these colonies "may be quite certain they are doing the fashionable thing—*at fashionable prices.*" It points out as fashions never last long, that fashionable stamps bought at famine prices are always a poor investment, comparing the erstwhile fashionable West Indians with bishop sleeves, crinolines, and Dundreary whiskers.

In this country the present fashion is Danish West Indies, everybody wants them, everybody is buying them and so their prices in the Standard Catalogue, issued three months ago, have been cancelled, and advanced from one hundred to five hundred per cent. The prudent stamps buyer, just now, is not investing in the stamps of the Danish colony, if he has not filled up with them long ago, he can afford to wait. As our English contemporary remarks the long headed collector carefully avoids countries whose stamps are "booming." He selects some stamps that are rank outsiders in the matter of popularity, knowing that at some future time, they will be sought after for "every dog has its day." The *P. J. of G. B.* advises the consideration of unused Europeans especially Germany, Russia, Italy, Spain and France.

ECHOES OF NEW ISSUES.

By M. D. Senior.

The Commemorative set of the Dominican Republic has been received, and they are certainly pleasing to the eye. The

colors have been selected in shades that harmonize well, in mostly all the values, with the black printing of the centre. The execution and finish are not bad, while the conception is undoubtedly good. The allegorical figures in the top part of the frames are very appropriate and pertinent, as showing the means of communication four hundred years ago and to-day, and the progress in other arts; the 1 and 10 cents have the "caravel" of 1502 on the left, and the ocean greyhound of 1902 on the right;

the 2 and 5 cents have the Indian (as letter carrier) in 1502 on the left, and the telegraph in 1902 on the right; the 12 and 20 cents have lighting by torch in 1502 on the left, and the electric light in 1902 on the right; and the 50 cents has the donkey (as carrier) in 1502 on the left, and the railroad of 1902 on the right.

All values have been printed from copper plates, excepting the officials, which are lithographed. Both the plates and the stone have been turned over, by the Hamilton Bank Note, to the Dominican Consul in this city, who forwarded the plates to his Government, and destroyed the stone in his office, in the presence of witnesses, and issued an affidavit to that effect.

The 1 cent has been discovered with inverted head.

Sixty thousand copies each of the 1, 2, 5, 10 and 12 cents have been issued, and thirty thousand each of the 20 and 50 cent values.

Curacao will be the next in line, with a new surcharge, on the first of April; this time it is the 12½ cents on the Netherland stamp of same value. New issues are being prepared, it is reported, for all the Dutch Colonies, but it is not improbable that many new surcharges will take the place, temporarily, of the present values that may run out, before the new issues get into circulation.

EXPECTED VISITORS.

Auckland, N.Z., Feb. 21, 1902.

Editor Montreal Philatelist,

Dear Sir,—Your city is promised a visit in September next from two gentlemen in the philatelic line. One, Mr. S. H. Howie, proprietor of the Original Great Barrier Pigeongram Service (which service, by the way, has over 200 birds in constant use flying to and from the different depots, and has now entered on the 5th year of its work) on a visit to his relations in Montreal. Mr. Howie is not a collector of stamps in any form. The other visitor is Mr. Entrican, Vice-President of the Auckland Philatelic Club, who goes to Montreal with his collection and duplicates in September, after visiting Great Britain on Coronation Tour, when collectors may be able to exchange with him.

H. Bolitho.

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equal horizontal stripes, red, white and red, alternately.

The Union Jack to be quartered in the hoist and to occupy one-fourth of the Flag. In the centre of the Union Jack a round white shield bearing a cocoanut palm in black. The shield to be one-third from the upper and lower edges of the Union Jack respectively.

III. Products.

The products of the Cook Group are of great variety. The following are some of them, Copra (the dried kernel of the Cocoanut) Cotton, Coffee, Limejuice, Dried Fruits and Vanilla, amongst the fruits exported may be mentioned the following: Oranges, Limes, Bananas, Nitas, Pine-apples and Alligator Pears, which are all exported to New Zealand markets. Of late years the natives have gone in for cultivating and planting their waste lands and many are planting Vanilla and Anetto (the substitute used for colouring butter and cheese). The exports and imports each amount to about £20,000 per year, which no doubt will increase since the period of the annexation.

IV. The People—The Great Maori Race.

All over the Pacific Ocean are scattered a brown skinned, stalwart race, more generally known as the Maoris. It is a branch or several branches of this race that at the present time occupy the Cook Islands. The first migration of the Maoris came to Rarotonga about 25 generations ago, or about the year 1350, under the redoubtable chieftain navigator Karika, from Hawaiki; where this Hawaiki is, the Maori historians are not able to discover. Most or nearly all of the ancient ancestors of the New Zealand Maoris came from Hawaiki also. The tradition of the Maoris have been but ill-preserved, as the early Missionaries discouraged the continuance of the ancient customs and rites. Although what history there is, is both interesting and fascinating and would fill volumes. The way the ancient people used to make long ocean voyages in their canoes to Tahiti, New Zealand and other Pacific Islands is something of the marvellous; that these voyages were actually made is an undeniable fact. The Maoris used the stars to navigate by, each star has its own particular Maori name.

The present day Maoris are not to be compared with the ancient stalwart chieftains. Sir George Grey, the famous pioneer governor, says of them. "Ah, they were fine fellows those old Maoris chieftains! You required to understand them, but they were worth every study; nobles of a noble race."

The present day Maoris are a lazy, easy-going people, living by cultivating their land, fishing and doing labour for Europeans at the rate of $1.00 Chili per day or equal to 1s. 9d. The hereditary chiefs of the tribes are called Arikis and under the Arikis are the Matiapos, which latter look after the land for the Arikis, under the Arikis and Matiapos are the common people and slaves (Angai Puaka) or pig feeders. These people pay the chiefs in services and kind for the use of the land where they plant their food, which consists of taro, yams, kumeras, and the various fruits.

The natives are very expert fishermen with the spear, and sometimes catch enormous quantities. In the large lagoon encircling the island—that is the water between the reef and the shore—they build large stone enclosures or Pa-ika as they are called. At high water the fish all come in these enclosures and at low tide the natives wade in the water and spear them. Around the group are running several native trading schooners, captained by native skippers. The chiefs of Atiu are also the chiefs of the two neighbouring islands of Mitiaro and Mauke, as in ancient times the people of Atiu conquered the tribes of the two latter islands. The present chief of Atiu is Ngamaru Ariki, who is the husband of Makea Ariki, the chief of the government.

V. Stamps.

In the following paragraphs, I do not intend to give a history of the stamps of the Cook Islands, but just a few notes regarding them, which may be of interest to collectors. I have some papers and gazettes before me, which contain some notices regarding the various issues. Previous to 1892 the carriage of mails and postal correspondence was conducted in a very loose manner. In the early days the missionaries used to get all the letters together and give them to the first vessel that came along to post at the first port. Afterwards the Vice-Consul, Mr. R. Eschaw, now deceased, used to conduct a sort of a post office, but he was stopped handling the mails as I believe he was accused of some rather "shady" transactions. However, in the year 1892, the first British resident instituted a well conducted post office, and appointed a chief post-master for the whole group. It was on 7th May, 1892, that the first stamps of the Cook Islands made their appearance. In the statement of revenue for the year ending, June 30th, 1892, the amount o stamps sold was $123.53, this of course is the amount of only two months sales, the estimated sales being gazetted as $100 to the actual sales exceed this amount by $23.53. The following is the resolution passed on 1st July, 1902. (As the first issue of stamps were deemed to be very unsightly for use as postage stamps), viz.:—

Passed on 1st July, 1892.*

Resolution No. 2. Resolved. That the government be asked to ascertain the cost of new postage stamps, of the same size and description as is used in other countries, and with the likeness of the chief of the government thereon, also that if the

*See New Zealand Blue Book for 1892.

cost does not exceed six hundred and fifty dollars ($650.00), they may have the said stamps made and brought into use as soon as possible.

The following are the Post Office regulations gazetted on 14th June, 1892.*

Section 1. Section No. 3 of the Regulations of 10th June, 1891,† is hereby repeated.

Section 2. Every master of a sailing vessel leaving Rarotonga or any of the other Islands of the Federation shall carry, free of charge, any mails from the Postmaster of the said Island to the port of destination of the said vessel. The master shall if required give a receipt for the same. He shall also as soon as possible after arrival at his port of destination deliver any mails in his charge for or from any of the Islands of the Federation.

Section 3. The rates of postage to be charged at all the post offices within the Cook Islands shall hereafter be as follows, viz. :—

WITHIN THE FEDERATION.

Letters, closed, per ½ oz. or fraction thereof	1½*d.*
Letters open, per oz. or fraction of an ounce	1*d.*
Post Cards, each (one penny)	1*d.*
Newspapers	*free*

BEYOND THE FEDERATION.

Letters, closed to all countries, per ½ oz. or fraction of ½ oz	2½*d.*
Letters, open, per oz. or fraction of an oz	1*d.*
Newspapers, each	1*d.*

(Signed) MAKEA ARIKI,
Chief of the Government.

Approved 14th June, 1892.

(Sgd.) FREDERICK J. MOSS,
British Resident.

The following is the resolution regarding the free carriage of printed newspapers in the Cook Islands :

Correct Copy.

COOK ISLANDS.

Karotouga, 31st May, 1895.

Resolved this day with the approval of the British Resident to add the following to the "Regulations of the Post Office" of 14th June, 1892.

"All printed newspapers published in the Cook Islands, and registered as newspapers with the name of the proprietor at the post office, Rarotonga, shall be received and forwarded free of charge for postage.

(Signed) MAKEA ARIKI,
Chief of the Government.

Rarotonga, 31st May, 1895.

Approved,
(Sgd.) FREDERICK J. MOSS,
British Resident,
31st May, 1895.

On 30th June, 1893, a "Parcels Post" arrangement was signed between New Zealand and the Cook Islands, and has worked satisfactorily ever since. In the month of June, 1900, when the Honourable R. J. Seddon, P.C., Premier of New Zealand, visited the Islands a convention was signed for the establishment of a money order system between New Zealand and Rarotonga, which system has proved to be of much use and benefit since its inauguration. In the past numbers of the MONTREAL PHILATELIST, my brother, Ralph W. Gosset, late chief postmaster, has dealt at length with the ½*d.* blue surcharge, its cause, errors, etc., so comment would be unnecessary. However I attach the following interesting document, viz. :

REVENUE OFFICE, RAROTONGA,
Cook Islands, April 26th, 1899.

Stamp accounting from October 4th, 1898, to April 26th, 1899, inclusive :

Stamps on hand October 4th, 1898, as per returns	£1,637	5	10
Reissue of 1d brown, 100 sheets each at 120	50	0	0
	£1,687	5	10
Less : 90 sheets 1d blue each at 120, reduced from 1d to ½d	£ 22	10	0
	£1,664	15	10
Less : Stock stamps certified as being in hand April 26th, 1899	£1,458	16	9
Stamp revenue	205	19	1
Add collected on tax letters, February, 1899, 1s 4d ; March, 1899, 7s 4d ; April, 1899, 2s 7d	£ 0	11	3
Total postage revenue as shown by revenue books	£ 206	10	4

Audited and found correct.

(Signed) A. VON HOFF,
Government Auditor.

[Correct copy].

RAROTONGA, April 26th, 1899.

The following three documents are a few of the orders sent at various times to the New Zealand government printer for fresh supplies. The New Zealand government holding all the dies of the stamps, both the Bird series and Makea's Head type. These are the the orders :—

[Copy.]

SUB RETURN I-2.

HEAD OFFICE, STAMP DEPARTMENT,
WELLINGTON, 28th March, 1899.

SIR,

I beg to inform you that I have this day forwarded to your address one packet

*See New Zealand Blue Book for 1892.

†These regulations of 10th June, 1891, I have never seen, but I am led to believe that they were instituted by Mr. Richard Exham, then Vice-Consul, as the British Resident was not appointed until 1892, and the above regulations of 14th June, 1892, were approved by him.

containing the undermentioned adhesive stamps in accordance with the request contained in your requisition dated ——, 189—, and to request that you will fill up, sign and return the annexed form of receipt by first opportunity.

Number.	Denomination.	Value.
12,000	1d	£50

Printed in brown.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) W. H. SHORE,
Custodian of Stamps.

The British Resident, Raratonga, Cook Islands.

[Copy.]

SUB RETURN I-2.

HEAD OFFICE, STAMP DEPARTMENT,
WELLINGTON, 10th Feby., 1900.

SIR,

I beg to inform you that I have this day forwarded to your address two packages containing the undermentioned adhesive stamps in accordance with the request contained in your requisition dated December, 1899, and to request that you will fill up, sign and return the annexed form of receipt by the first opportunity.

Number.	Denomination.
23,640	½d
23,880	1d
11,880	1½d
23,520	2d
12,000	2½d
23,640	5d
23,760	6d
24,000	10d
11,520	1s

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) W. H. SHORE,
Custodian.

The Chief Postmaster, Rarotonga, Cook Islands.

[Copy.]

SUB RETURN I-2.

HEAD OFFICE, STAMP DEPARTMENT,
WELLINGTON, 29th May, 1900.

SIR,

I beg to inform you that I have this day forwarded to your address one package, containing the undermentioned adhesive stamps, in accordance with the request contained in your requisition dated , 189 , and to request that you will fill up, sign and return the annexed form of receipt by the first opportunity.

Number.	Denomination.	Value.
14,280	1d.	£59 10 0
Makea's head in brown.		
		£59 10 0

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed,) W. H. SHORE,
Custodian of Stamps.

The Chief Postmaster, Rarotonga.

The bird series was issued to bring into use some of the values that were necessary, *i.e.*, the 2d, 6d, and 1s, and also the halfpenny, to supersede the surcharge. There are a great variety of shades amongst them, also perforation and paper, the first lot being on fine paper watermarked Star and N.Z., the latter printings being on harder, brittle paper, same watermark. A few words as regards this bird. The natives at the present time call it the Kuriri or Kuri-patangaroa, but formerly it was more generally known as the Torea, and is still so-called by many at the present day. It belongs to the snipe species and is scientifically known as Actitis Incanus. The bird's name, torea, frequently occurs in the ancient Maori songs and traditions, hence the suitability of placing it on the stamps.

In conclusion, I would say that as New Zealand has formally annexed these islands, it is most probable that a new series of stamps will be considered, for when a proper governor is appointed over these islands the effigy of Makea Ariki will no more appear on the stamp labels, as she is not the hereditary chief of the whole group. In former issues of this paper my brother has written various paragraphs on the Cook Island stamps, which it would be unnecessary for me to repeat, and to which I would beg to refer the readers. A full history of the Cook Island philately would have appeared in the pages of this magazine by my brother, but I am sorry to say the MSS. was miscarried in the transmission by post, hence my writing these few notes.

VIVIAN C. GOSSET,
Auckland, New Zealand.

The Canadian Philatelic Society.

Organized September, 1898, as the League of Canadian Philatelists.

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Secretary's Report.

NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED.

239, Eden D. Kinzie: 240, Hiram Michaels; 241, Hamilton H. White; 242. Wilcox Smith & Co.; 243, Adelard Huard,

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

244. Dan. D. Doolittle, box 544, Fremont, Neb., farmer. Ref., W. K. Hall, C. H. Van Tassel.

245. Wm. H. Myers, Gordon Bay, Ont., books, coins, etc. Ref., W. K. Hall, C. H. Fowle.

Only two applications this month! Where's the hustle we were going to have? There's room for lots more.

C. H. FOWLE, Sec.

AUCTION DEPARTMENT.

* Means unused.

Lot No.		Cat. Value.	Res. Price.
1	100 mixed Newfoundland, 10 vars 1880-99, fair, 4 packages, bid on each separately (reserve ea)		$ .45
2	Tasmania, No. 34* o.g., 1s vermilion, good copy	$ 3.75	1.25
3	Canada Jubilee, $2, used, fine		.65
4	11 sheets foreign stamps, few duplicates	3 50	
5	Guatamala envelopes, cut square, Nos. 154, 155, 156. Hawaii envelope, cut square, No. 201.		
6	Quebec Assurance, 10 and 40c, green	1.10	.25
7	Quebec Assurance, $1 lilac, slight tear not noticeable		.40
8	5 sets Japan, silver wedding, 2 vars each ..... each set		.05
9	100 U.S. 2c I.R. orange		.20
10	Block of 25 U.S. proprietary revenue, ½c*		.10
11	3 Canada Letter Cards*, 2 on 3c		.10
12	Nova Scotia, 1860, 2c on cover, fine		.40
13	" 1860, 1c " "		.50
14	" 1860, 10c " very fine		1.30

Successful bidders notified, when prompt remittance is expected. Sale closes May 5th. Address bids to G. P. LEGRAND, New Carlisle, P.Q.

The Publishers' Sayings.

I am glad to bring to your notice this month, the ads of two well known dealers. On the last page of the cover will be found the ad of Mr. C. F. Rothfuchs formerly of Washington, D.C., but now doing business in Boston. Every stamp collector has heard of this dealer, and his pleasing methods of doing business. Look at his prices, and don't fail to send him an order. Next comes the Marks Stamp Co., of Toronto. This firm does an extensive wholesale business at home and abroad, and if you have any surplus stock of Canadians on hand write for their buying list.

The following letters speak well for the advertising merits of the Montreal Philatelist.

CAPETOWN, 12 Feb., '02.

Dear Sir,—You will greatly oblige me by withdrawing my ad from your columns immediately upon receipt of this. I have received so many replies, that it will be months before I can possibly get the mass of correspondence now before me off my hands. The result has been simply phenomenal and beyond all expectation.

Yours truly, H. RUDD.

We are well pleased with the results of our adv'g and orders are still pouring in.

MILLER'S STAMP CO.

I am sorry to have to publish a list of advertisers in the Want Column against whom complaints have been made by readers of the M. P. Of course I do my best to keep out anybody who is known to be a fraud, but it is impossible to look up the record of every subscriber who makes use of the *Wants and Offers* columns. Proper care should be taken before stamps are sent to strangers. In every case where complaints have been made I have made investigations, spending much time and postage. The following have given no explanation, when written to about complaints, and I believe them to be frauds:—M. Formigal, Porto, Portugal; Jose S. Llovera, Valence, Spain; S. N. Lajemi, Athens, Greece; Luis Manon, San Domingo, Dominican Rep.; P. M. Gillette, Argentine Republic; Joao Silva, Brazil.

It has for some months been my rule to allow a 30-word exchange notice free three times for every new subscriber or renewal. I find, however, with the greatly increased subscription list that I now have, that these notices are taking up too much space, in fact encroaching upon space that should be given to reading matter. I also notice that there is a sameness about these ads, and that in most cases the only important part is the address. With last number I commenced an exchange column for collectors, in which only names and addresses will appear, under the collective heading of "Exchange Wanted," one insertion in this column will cost 5c, six times, 25c, or twelve times 40c, cash in advance. For each subscription or renewal four insertions will be given free. By this arrangement my subscribers get one more advertisement than under the old plan, and it relieves the tax upon my reading matter space. Free ads now running or already contracted for will be continued until expiry in Wants and Offers column, which will be maintained for paid ads at the same low rates as have heretofore prevailed.

EXCHANGE WANTED.

1 insertion 5c, 6 insertions 25c 12 insertions 40c.
Name and address only.

Jas. Williams, 134 Milton st., Montreal, Canada.
W. K. Newcomb, Box 138, Alvinston, Ont. (1)
H. B. Perrin, Dauphin, Manitoba. (1)
John J. Joll, P.O. Oamaru, Otago, New Zealand. (1)
S. E. Gamell, Georgetown, British Guiana. (10)
Chas. J. Thomas, 18 Ottawa Street, Toronto, Canada. "General." (10)
Miguel Guitart, Box 47, Cardenas, Cuba. (1)
O. T. Hartman, 1410 So. 12th St., Denv. Colorado. (1)
F. Greenwood, 4922 Royal St., Germantown, Phila., Pa. (1)
Oren Root, Clinton, N.Y., U.S.A. (1)
Fedor Fransisci, Kalonga, Russia. (1)

WANTS AND OFFERS.

Regular rates are ½c per word. Nothing less than 15c taken. Three insertions for price of two.

SPECIAL OFFER.

100 words	(to be used	within	12	months)	45
500	do	do	do	do	2 00
1000	do	do	do	do	3 20

Contracts made at these reduced rates for this column are payable strictly in advance.

WANTED--The following back numbers of this paper, 1, 3, 4, 5 and 8. Will give advertising space or good stamps for clean copies. W. JAS. WURTELE, 126 St. James Street, Montreal.

For Sale, back numbers of this paper, Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 22, 24, 27, 29, out of print; Nos. 2, 6, 7, 25c each; 17, 19, 26, 28, 15c each; Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 25, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 10c each; Vol. II., complete, 60c; Vol. III., complete, $1.00. Address, THE PUBLISHER.

WANTED to complete our files, a few clean copies of the Montreal Philatelist, Nos. 22, 24, 27, 28, 29. Address, THE PUBLISHER.

1000 mixed foreign, 50c; 100 all different foreign 15c; 15 varieties Canada, 8c; 10 varieties United States, 5c. All stamps are guaranteed genuine. J. FAUVEL, Point St. Peter, P. Que., Canada. c1

AFGHANISTAN. Whoever sends me Canadian, Newfoundland and other stamps, will receive same from Holland, Colonies, Persia, Afghanistan. To sell 200 stamps Curaçao surcharged 1895. P. M. DE KAT, Silkerveer, Holland. P3-10-12

PACKAGES—To sell my 5 and 10 packages. Liberal terms. Send 2c for a 5c sample package. OSCAR T. HARTMAN, 1410 So. 12th St., Denver, Colorado. P3-10-12

ENGLAND versus British America. 2 to 1 in America's favour. Exchange English Adhesives, Queen's head, used, for half number, same face value. British Americans, Canadians under 5c accepted. HOLROYD, Facit Lancashire, England. P1

I WANT to exchange stamps with collector in all countries, basis Scott or Senf. Reference, Post Master, LOUIS DESMARAIS, Los Gatos, Calif., U.S.A. S3-10-12

HAVE large quantity old English and officials. Send 1s in lowest unused stamps for bargain packet. Exchange also desired. Medium only. R. AUSTWICK ROPERGATE, Pontefract, Eng. P3-10-12

TO EXCHANGE, U.S. Adhesive, Revenue and Cut Square Envelopes for B.N.A. O. ROOT, Clinton, N.Y. P1

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1890	15c blue.....	9 for 25c ; or	40 for	1.00
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1890	90c orange .	1 for 25c ; or	4 for	1 00
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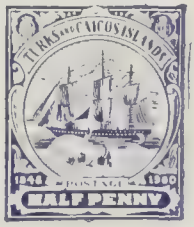

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10c "	.06	.03
20c "	.10	.05
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3c "	.01	.01
4c "	.25	.10
5c "	.15	.08
6c "	.01	.01
7c "	1.00	.40
8c "	1.00	.35
9c "	.01	.01
10c blue	.06	.03
20c "	.06	.03
30c "	.10	.05
30c scarlet	.60	.25
40c blue	.30	.15
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	Cat.	Our Price
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3c green	.01	.01
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5c vermilion	.03	.01
6c green	.01	.01
7c vermilion	.06	.03
8c brown	.03	.02
9c green	.01	.01
10c blue	.02	.01
20c "	.02	.01
30c "	.02	.01
40c "	.06	.03
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1870, 10c red	.02	.01
20c "	.03	.02
30c "	.03	.01
40c "	.05	.03
50c "	.03	.01
60c "	.10	.05
70c "	.10	.05
80c "	.10	.05
90c "	.30	.15
$1.00 blue	.04	.02
$2.00 "	.12	.06
$3.00 "	.15	.08
$4.00 "	.20	.10
$5.00 "	.15	.08
$10.00 yellow (poor)	1.50	.35
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1893, 10c slate	.02	.01
20c "	.05	.02
30c	.03	.01
40c	.04	.02
50c	.02	.01
60c	.30	.15
70c	.15	.08
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5c green	.10	.04
15c "	.15	.07
30c "	.25	.12
50c "	.50	.25
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5c "	.10	.08

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$1.50 "	.15	.08
$2.00 "	.15	.08
$3.00 "	.20	.10

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	Cat. Price	Our Price
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1859, 1c pink	.06	.03
5c vermilion	.04	.02
12½c green	.35	25
17c blue	.85	.75
1868, ½c black	.18	.12
1c brown red	.30	.15
2c green	.10	.06
3c red	.04	.02
6c brown	.20	.10
12½c blue	.25	.20
1869, 1c yellow	.40	.20
1870, 1c dark orange (small)	.08	.04
1872, 6c yellow-brown	.05	.03
1874, 10c rose-lilac	.30	.15
15c dull violet	.10	.05
1875, 5c olive green (large)	.50	.40
1876, 5c slate green (small)	.01	.01
15c grey	.10	.05
1882, ½c black	.02	.01
1888, 5c grey	.01	.01
1890, 6c red-brown	.04	.02
1892, 20c vermilion	.12	.06
50c deep blue	.25	.12
1893, 8c lilac grey	.03	02
1895, 8c slate	.02	.01
1896, 8c purple-black	.06	.02
1897, ½c black Jubilee	.25	.15
2c green	.04	.02
5c blue	.10	.06
6c brown	.50	.25
8c violet	.18	.10
10c purple	.18	.12
15c steel blue	.25	.20

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	Cat. Price	Our Price
1897, 20c vermilion	$ .35	$ .25
50c ultramarine	.30	.20
½c black, 4 leaves	.02	.01
5c blue, "	.03	.01
6c brown, "	.10	.05
8c orange, "	.05	.02
10c violet, "	.18	.10
1898, ½c black, 2 leaves	.01	.01
6c brown, " (rare)	.05	.10
8c orange, " "	.05	.05
10c violet, "	.08	.02
1901, 20c olive, "	.12	.06
1898, 2c lavender and carmine	.02	.01
2c blue and carmine	.02	.01
1899, 2c surch. on 3c 1897	.03	.01
2c " 3c 1898	.02	.01
1875, 2c orange, registered	.03	.01
5c green, "	.02	.01
1898, 10c green, special del	.10	.05
1877, 1c blue, envelope, entire	.04	.02
1c ultra., " "	.10	.05
3c red, " "	.08	.04
1895, 2c green, " "	.06	.04
1898, 3c red, " "	.08	.04
1899, 2c sur on 3c '77, env. "	.30	.15
2c " 3c '98, " "	.10	.05
1875, 1c blue, wrapper	.25	.15
1887, 1c " "	.10	.08
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NEWS OF THE MONTH

Our list of novelties this month is short, but not without interest. All the big European nations having brought out new stamps within the past two years, the little countries are also taking a hand in the game. Denmark is to open a competition for the most artistic design. Spain is making the most of its few remaining colonial possessions, and a new Italian colony has sprung into existence, or at least the stamps have, for there is no postal administration in the country as yet. How the recent terrible cataclysm in Martinique, which has shocked the world, will be marked in philatelic annals it is yet too early to say, but as a faithful index of historical events, the event is sure to be chronicled in some way in the album of the stamp collector.

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ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

BRITISH LEVANT.—(*King's head 40 paras*).—The current 2½d Great Britain has been issued for offices in the Levant surcharged 40 PARAS. Specimens have been furnished by Whitfield, King & Co.

CANADA.—(*Officially sealed label*). A new official seal stamp has recently been issued for the use of the Dead Letter office. It is a large stamp, 1½ x 2 inches. printed in black on blue paper, inscribed OFFICIALLY SEALED CANADA, in two lines at the top, DEAD LETTER OFFICE at foot, with a portrait of Queen Victoria in the centre.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—(*3d in new type*).—*Ewen's Weedly*, reports the issue of the 3d magenta similar in design to the current ½d with figure of Hope standing.

FERNANDO PO.—(*The annual issue*).—The series dated 1902, is reported from Madrid as follows :—

5	centimos	green
10	"	blue
25	"	carmine
50	"	black brown
75	"	lilac
1	peseta	rose
2	"	bronze green
5	"	vermilion

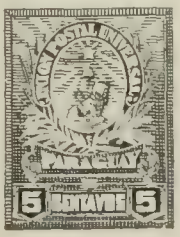
DENMARK.—(*New issue contemplated*)—The *S. C. Fortnightly* reports that the Danish Government is offering prizes for a new issue of stamps to be issued before the end of this year.

GREAT BRITAIN.—(*King Edward stamps*).—All the stamps announced last month have since been issued, as well as the 9d value, which appeared quite unexpectedly at the same time as the 2s 6d and 10s on April 7th. The 5s was issued April 18th, but retains its old color carmine nose, instead of the previously announced vermilion. The current 6d has been issued surcharged GOVT PARCELS.

GREECE.—(*Unpaid letter stamps*).—We illustrate the design of the new unpaid letter stamps, reported last month. We have received specimens from Whitfield, King & Co.

MAURITIUS.—(*Provisional 15c envelope*).—*L'Essor Philatelique* reports the 18c blue envelope surcharged 15 CENTS.

PARAGUAY.—(*1c and 10c lithographed*).—We have received from Whitfield, King & Co., specimens of the lithographed stamps reported in February, and also two new values 1c green, and 10c carmine red. The current set now consists of :—



1c green
2c olive grey
4c light blue
5c violet
10c carmine red

PERU.—(*Provisional 5c unpaid letter stamps*).—The stock of 10 soles stamps has been surcharged DEFICIT CINCO CENTAVOS for use as 5c unpaid letter stamps.

SPANISH GUINEA.—(*Set of stamps for 1902*).—The Spanish settlements on the West coast of Africa have hitherto used Fernando Po stamps, but this year they are to be given a set for themselves. The report comes from Madrid, that a set of the same design colors and values as those of Fernando Po is shortly to appear, inscribed GUINEA ESPANOLA.

UGANDA.—(*Provisional stamps*).—*Ewen's Weekly* reports the current ½a and 2½a of British East Africa, surcharged in block capitals UGANDA, also the following British East Africa stationery with a similar surcharge 1a carmine post card, ½a green reply card, and 2a red brown registration envelope.

WURTEMBERG.—(*Remainders*).—We learn that remainders of the recently current issue superseded by the German stamps inscribed DEUTSCHES REICH, are being sold at face value by the postal administration at Stuttgart. Included with these remainders is the 2-mark stamp, which owing to the fact that it was never sold to the public, is catalogued unused at $3.50, although of a face value of about 50 cents. This restriction being now removed the stamp will come down in price to about one-quarter of catalogue figures.

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SPECULATIVE STAMPS AND COUNTERFEITS.

(The stamps described under this heading, we would advise collectors to avoid, as manufactured either by official authority or by private individuals for their own gain at the expense of philatelists).

BENADIR.—(*A new set of stamps*).—In June 1900, and again in April 1901, on the authority of the *Revista del Franco Bollo* we announced that a set of stamps was being designed for the Italian colony of Eritrea in East Africa having lion and elephant heads as their feature. The same journal now announces a similar series from Benadir on the Somali Coast which possibly may be a new designation for Eritrea. The values and colors are given as follows:—

1	besa	(2 cent)	brown
2	"	(5 ")	green
1	anna	(10 ")	red
2	"	(20 ")	yellow
2½	"	(25 ")	blue
5	"	(50 ")	orange
10	"	(1 lira)	violet

The arms of Savoy indicating Italian sovereignty appear on all with a lion's head as the principle design for the two low values, and an elephant's head for the others. From later information we learn that this set of labels is now on sale at the offices of an Italian Commercial Company which has the administration of the affairs of the colony in charge. As there is no postal service in existence and not a single post office open, although the Company expects to open several in a month or two (perhaps when the natives have learned to write) these stamps must be considered, at least for the present, purely speculative of the same class as those of Brunei, Clipperton Islands, or the Principality of Trinidad.

UNITED STATES.—*(Counterfeit post cards).* We take the following from the *United States Counterfeit Detector*:—A gang of counterfeiters has put in circulation a large quantity of spurious postal cards, causing a loss to the Post Office Department of thousands of dollars. Every effort is being made by Post Office Inspectors and Secret Service men to run down the gang Postmaster Vancott issued on April 22 the following general order to employees of the New York Post Office:

"This office is advised by the Post Office Inspector in charge of this division that he has been informed of the circulation of a counterfeit postal card, which is described as follows: The card appears to be counterfeit. Top of name line runs together, genuine is spaced. Lines of Jefferson's face are coarse and broken, wreath not uniform, word "Jefferson" is light face, genuine is bold face type. It is a coated paper not used for cards. The whole appears to be a copy from an old worn plate. All employees of this office and its stations will be careful to watch for these cards, and upon the discovery of one of them will immediately report the fact to the officer in charge, in order that the matter may be promptly brought to the attention of the Inspector.

The authorities are working in the belief that the counterfeiters are located in this city, which is used as a distributing centre for the spurious cards.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

CANADIANA.—*A monthly devoted to Canadian papers and stamps.* O. H. Tielemans, Mariahilf, Grenfell, Assa. Canada.

We have received the first four numbers of this publication, hailing from the Canadian North-West Territories: Considering the difficulties of procuring a first class printing outfit in those regions, it would perhaps not be fair to speak of the typographical work, and the quality of the paper used, but we fear the publisher will find it difficult to secure a paying subscription list at 50c a year unless he can find means of improving his paper in these respects.

The publication treats of the collection of newspapers, pursued by a class of collectors, which the editor styles "those indefatigible prospectors for the records of humanity" and whose number he deplores as small. In the part devoted to newspapers many interesting notes are given, which however it is not in our province to treat of. But in the portion devoted to

stamps, there are so many absurd errors, that we must conclude the editor is a novice at philately. For instance in No. 1, the statement is made that "the happy "possessor of a (Canada) 12 pence black of "1851 will *easily* find a thousand dollars "for his little square of paper, while the "6 pence violet of the same period is "worth $150." A fine unused 6d is perhaps worth $150, but used specimens are not rare, and we think it would be far from *easy* to find a purchaser of even a mint state 12d at $1,000 for some years to come. An unsevered pair was sold some time ago at $1,200, and that we believe is the highest price yet paid for unused twelve pennies.

A curious blunder occurs in No. 3. "Up "to now, Canada has enjoyed *an unique* "*distinction*, namely, that from the in- "ception of its stamps, one sole ruler has "been pictured on them : Queen Victoria." We always thought that this "unique distinction" was shared by Great Britain and all the British colonies ! ! In the same number New Brunswick instead of Nova Scotia is alluded to as the "land of Evangeline" in an article on the "O'Connell" (sic) stamp. The latter article itself is a complete mistatement of the facts in regard to the interesting stamp referred to.

Had these blunders occurred in one of the juvenile periodicals of the United States, they would not have been surprising, but it is decidedly regrettable that a Canadian journal, that should know better, should propagate such rubbish.

The Montreal Philatelist supports and solicits votes for the following candidates in this year's C. P. S. election :

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THE SFVEN CENTS ERROR

Canada Bill Stamps First Issue.

By A. C. Roussel.

I have lately had the good fortune to have in my hands several complete sheets of the 7 cents of the first issue bill stamps. I was able to examine them at leisure and I think that the result of my examination will prove of interest to the many collectors of Canada Revenues.

The sheet is composed of 100 stamps arranged in rows of ten. The words SEVEN CENTS are inscribed in large blue capitals on the margin, at the right upper corner, above the first row of stamps.

The famous error SFVEN is found in the first stamp of the bottom or tenth row. In my opinion this error was never corrected by a subsequent retouch, and on this point, I differ completely from the position of Mr. W. Kelsey Hall, as I shall proceed to show.

Mr. Hall in the preface to his catalogue of the Revenue Stamps of Canada, (edition 1897) states : — "I have catalogued the "error of the seven cent first issue Bill "stamp because I have before me as I "write all sufficient proof that it is a "genuine error on the part of the engraver "and not due to a broken die, or faulty "work, as has been affirmed. I have, in "fact seen a specimen of the stamp print- "ed from a re-engraved die, plainly shew- "ing the correction, as the bar added to "the "F" at the bottom to made it an "E" "was placed too high up, and too much to "the left."

The stamp to which Mr. Hall alludes, and of which I have had quite a few specimens at different times, exists in all the sheets that I have examined. It is the fourth stamp of the sixth row, and cannot be the correction of the SFVEN above named since these two varieties exist on all the sheets. More than that I do not consider it to be a corrected error because on closer examination, one sees that the label bearing the words "seven cents" appears to have been broken and a small white mark also exists on the "E" of "cents" giving it the appearance of an E with an accent ; thus the line which has the appearance of a "bar added to the F" is nothing but a crack in the plate. (*)

There exists also another minor variety in the fifth stamp of the fifth row, the upper bar of the first E of "seven" being broken which gives it the appearance of the letter "F" reversed.

These two minor varieties, without being as interesting as the error SFVEN, are deserving of a place in any collection worthy of the name, side by side with the famous error which so few collectors can boast of owning.

(*) After careful examination we cannot agree with Mr. Roussel's opinion. The line referred to could not be caused by "a crack in the plate" of lithographed stamps. It appears to be a line added by the lithographer to supply a defect in the first design on the lithographic stone.—*Editor M.P.*

EDITORIAL.

THE CANADIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Several members of this society have written to us, asking if there is to be a convention this year, and propounding various questions in regard to the annual election of officers.

At the convention held last July, when the constitution was revised, it appeared to be the unanimous idea of the members present, that annual conventions were undesirable, and consequently all mention of such a gathering was purposely omitted from the new constitution, and provision was made for taking the annual vote for officers, by mail, under the supervision of three scrutineers to be named by the president. The same article provides that the date of the election shall be fixed by the president, and that ballot forms shall be mailed to all members in good standing six weeks before the date fixed upon. This is in order to give ample time for members abroad to cast their votes. Allowing the secretary two weeks time to get the ballots printed and mailed would not be too much, consequently the president's proclamation fixing the date of the election and naming the scrutineers would have to be made at least two months in advance, particularly as notice of any changes proposed in the constitution "must be given "in the official organ two months before "the date of the election." As nothing has been heard from our president, Mr. Hall, on the subject, we would inform enquiring members that no election can be held this year much earlier than August 15th. We have no doubt we shall hear from Mr. Hall in good time.

The society has been somewhat handicapped during the past few months by the inaction of the board of trustees. Several matters have been brought to the attention of these gentlemen, particularly the question of appointing a purchasing agent, as they have the filling of all vacancies that occur between elections, but they refuse to meet. One gentleman states he has resigned from the board, and the other two state that they have not been notified of the resignation by the president, and cannot in consequence appoint a successor to the vacancy in their own body, much less make appointments to other vacancies.

In our opinion the society has got into a rut of do-nothing-ism, and it wants to be roused up by vigorous action, such as a change of the principal officers for instance. Mr. Fowle has proved a most able painstaking secretary, but as he has intimated that he will not again accept that office, we would suggest his promotion to the position of Vice President for U.S. Mr. Legrand has done exceedingly well as auctioneer and should be re-elected. Mr. Smith as sales superintendant has again proved himself a painstaking, conscientious official, whose services to the society stand pre-eminent. Mr. Downes has done all that has been required of him, but from the president, the two vice-presidents and the librarian we never hear a word. This is all wrong, there is plenty of work to do for every officer of such a society, they should be heard from in every issue of the official organ

The ticket that will receive the support of the MONTREAL PHILATELIST is published in our advertising columns, and we solicit the votes of the members for the candidates named. Remember that no nominations are required, the ballots are sent out blank, and members write in the names of those they wish to vote for. This secures a perfectly free election and restricts no one's choice.

THE DESCRIPTION OF FORGERIES.

In the *American Journal of Philately*, in defence of his policy of silence on the subject of the description of forged stamps, Mr. Luff remarks:—"When a "government discovers a forgery in one "of its securities it does not print notices "in the public press, saying, 'the forger "of such and such a bank note will kindly "observe that his work differs from the "official production in such and such a "way.'" While the Government, of course, does not exactly address the forger in the way Mr. Luff mentions, that gentleman surely must be aware that as soon as a counterfeit note is discovered, a circular letter is issued by Mr. John E. Wilkie, chief of the secret service of the Treasury Department, giving a minute description of the forgery. This notice is published in the public press, and partic-

ularly in *Dickerman's United States Treasury Counterfeit Detector*, a monthly publication that is probably read by every banker in the United States and Canada. It is from the May number of this publication that we extract the description of the recent forgery of United States post cards which we publish in another column. Prompt publication of the defects in forged bank notes has been found by the United States Treasury Department to be the surest way to render counterfeiting unprofitable, and the same rule applied to stamps will have a similar result.

COOK ISLANDS.

Notes on First Issue, "Makea" and "Torea" Series of Stamps.

By Vivian C. Gosset.

Numerous enquiries both by letter and verbally, from Philatelic customers reach the Cook Island postmaster as to "what bird is depicted on the stamps?" also "whose effigy is it that the stamps bear?" The following are a few notes on these stamps in general.

First Issue.

The first issue of the Cook Island stamps of which there were four values, viz :—1d black, 1½d lilac, 2½d blue and the 10d red, appeared in 1892 and were printed at the "Star" office in Auckland, New Zealand, They were type-set, as can be easily seen by looking closely, and were considerably larger than the current series. The words "*Postage*," "*Cook Islands*," "*Federation*" "*1½d pence*," or whatever value the stamp was, appeared in four straight lines across the stamp. The centre of the stamp was occupied by a circle of six stars surrounding a larger one in the centre. These stars, most people are led to believe are simply put there for ornamention, but such is not the case. They represent the seven islands comprising the Cook group, the large star standing for the principal island of the of the group, Rarotonga; the six small stars are for Aitutaki, Mangaia, Atiu, Mitiaro, Mauke, and Manuae, these seven islands comprise the whole of the Cook group, although there is a very small coral atoll situated to the north-west of Atiu, distant 12 miles, its name is Takutea and it is only one mile long by a half broad. The natives of Atiu plant "pia" and Cocoanuts on Takutea from which they make arrowroot and copra. otherwise the island is uninhabited. When this first issue went out of date the remainders were burnt before a committee appointed by the British Resident Mr F. Moss, for that purpose. Ever since the burning of these stamps various rumors have been afloat as to whether or not they were all destroyed; but I think it only goes as far as rumor as, in my opinion, they were all burnt.

"Makea Series."

After the unsightly labels comprising the first issue were done away with, a new lot appeared, of 1d brown (afterwards changed to blue) 1½d lilac, 2½d rose, 5d olive and 10d green, all bearing the effigy of a native "*Lady of the Royal Blood*" who is known as Makea-Takau Ariki, but is generally miscalled "Queen" Makea. She is not queen of the Cook Islands, but is only Ariki or chief of her district, Avarua in Rarotonga, although at present she holds office as chief of the Cook Islands Federal Government. She is a very portly old lady about 65 years of age and I believe she has held the Arikiship of Avarua for about 45 years; although she cannot speak a word of English she is a very intelligent, commonsense woman for a Maori. The elderly married native women at Rarotonga have a custom of plaiting their hair into two long tails which they sometimes carry over either shoulder, one of these "tails" can be seen over the right shoulder of Makea on the stamp. She has, like all Maori women, a fine head of hair. Around her neck is seen a large white silken scarf, as all the Maoris are very fond of finery and bright colors. Makea belongs to the old predominating Makea-Karika clan who emigrated from Hawaiki many, many generations back, they discovered Rarotonga where they settled. Makea is married to Ngamaru-Ariki the hereditary chief of the Islands of Atiu, Mitiaro and Mauke, she has no direct descendant, but the title will go to her cousin, Rangi-Makea.

Bird Series.

When the parcels post convention was signed between the Cook Islands and New Zealand it was found that some denominations would be necessary that were not included in the stamps then in use; so a new set was prepared having as its complement the ½d blue, 2d brown, 6d deep lilac and the 1s rose. They were of an oblong shape having the value in each of the four corners. All values were printed from the same plates the figures of value being printed in afterwards. The middle of the stamp is occupied by a flying bird called by the natives Torea—with a view of Rarotonga in the back ground. The Torea is one of the Plover species and its scientific name is Totanus Cancellatus. It is mentioned in numerous Maori songs, laments and traditions, hence the suitability of placing it on the stamp. The Torea are not now so plentiful at the Cook Islands as they were in former times, having suffered much by the depredations of the natives for the purposes of food. They are of a light color with bright red beak and legs and frequent the lowlying sandy flats on the seashore and also the tide levels. Rarotonga which appears in the background is viewed from the north, looking south. Along the seashore is the settlement of Avarua on the northern side. The two peaks seen are Mount Ikurangi, the eastern peak, 2,100 feet in height, and Mount Te Atu Kura the western peak, 3,000 feet elevation. The latter is a well-known land mark to mariners around the group, as it can be seen on clear days for a distance of 60 miles. The foregoing notes are on the

issues of C. I. stamps to date, and I trust will be of interest. I shall now discuss philatelic prospects since the federation with New Zealand.

Will the Cook Islands Adopt New Zealand Stamps?

This is a question that should interest all Philatelists. The Federation of the Cook Islands is now under the New Zealand Government, having been recently annexed by Lord Ranfurly, Governor of that colony. The question is, will the stamps be changed? New Zealand laws have been adopted as also have the rates of tariff; and various other changes have or will soon take place, which all go to shew that the Cook Islands are essentially adopting New Zealand rule and government. Another item of interest is, a chief post-master of the group has been appointed who was selected from the N. Z. Civil Service. Included in the annexation policy of New Zealand (besides the Cook Islands), are the tropical islands of Palmerston. Niue, Penrhyn, Manihiki, Rakahanga, Suwarrow and Pukapuka, and these places will adopt the same stamps as the C. I. group, as the Government officials who have been appointed there to control the revenue, etc, are at present paid by the Cook Islands Government.

The stamps at present in use are of two types, one bearing the effigy of Makea-Ariki (on the 1d, 1½d, 2½d. 5d and 10d values), the other type having a picture of one of the C. I. birds—the Torea (on the ½d, 2d, 6d and 1s labels). Now Makea-Ariki is, or was, the chief at the Cook Islands Federal Government, but this will most probably be abolished, if so, Makea will naturally lose her office; but she will, of course, retain her title and position as chief of the Avarua district, the principal one on the most important island of the group—Rarotonga. It was on account of the "mana" or power she had that she was elected to the former office. Whether or not, representatives from the C. I. will be elected to the N. Z. Parliament remains to the seen. If her head is retained on the stamps it will be a very strange proceeding, as the islands are now formally a colony of the British Crown, and if the authorities follow the proper course, the King's head will be substituted. Formerly the group was only under the protection of the British flag, but since annexation, matters have altered.

The Chief Post Office, Raratonga, Cook Islands.
The British Resident, Lt.-Col. Gudgeon, Reading a Proclamation.

As the islands will still collect and expend their own revenues as they have done in the past, the New Zealand stamps possibly might not be adopted, so as to prevent any confusion of stamp revenues of the two colonies.

The New Zealand Government Printing Department print all the stamps of the C.I. group, and, in my opinion, that office will, in view of the foregoing facts, probably soon receive orders relative to the reproduction of a different stamp.

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NEWS OF THE MONTH

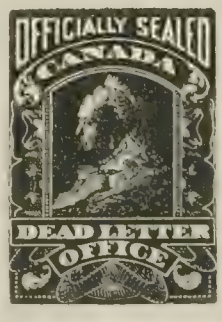
ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

ABYSSINIA.—(*A new provisional issue.*) *Le Collectionneur T. P.* announces that the stamps reported in our January number, surcharged ETHIOPIE, were withdrawn from circulation April 1st and replaced by a set surcharged with native characters.

BARBADOS. — (*New stationery.*) This West Indian colony is not to give up its interesting postal design "Britannia rules the waves," for the cheap caricatures of King Edward now being turned out by Messrs. De la Rue. A change in the stationery being necessary to replace the Queen's heads, the 1892 type of the adhesives is being resorted to as new supplies are required. The ½d. brown on buff, wrapper, and 2d. blue, registration envelopes in this type have been issued.

BRITISH GUIANA.—(*Registration envelopes.*) British Guiana is another colony that wants no share of De la Rue's King's head monstrosities; it will retain its historic ship device, and has just replaced the Queen's head registration envelope, 4c. vermilion, with one of similar design to the regular 1894 envelopes, 4 cent blue.

CHILI.—(*2c. of new type.*) From Mr. S. Scott of Valparaiso, we have received specimens of the 2 centavos carmine rose of the same design as the current 5c. We also learn that post cards, 1c. green and 2c. carmine, with stamps of the new design have been issued. Mr. Scott also informs us of the issue of two official envelopes with engraved device on the flap, printed in red and blue respectively. No value is expressed, and the inscription reads CIERRO OFICIAL. From Mr. Scott's description we would gather that these envelopes are to be used for free official correspondence.



CANADA—(*Official seal*) We give an illustration reduced one-third, of the new dead letter office seal described last month. As this seal is only used on letters going to foreign countries which for one reason or another have been opened at the dead letter office, it is quite difficult to obtain in used condition.

COLOMBIA.—(*Provisionals.*)—*Le Collectionneur de T. P.* publishes a Government decree ordering the re-issue of remainders of obsolete stamps with a surcharge of the current date, owing to the insurmountable difficulty, on account of the war, to get out a new series promptly. The stamps to be re-issued are said to be the 1886-88 1c. to 10 pesos and the 1890 1 to 20 cent. We shall publish a complete list as soon as they appear.

COSTA RICA.—(*New set in preparation.*) It is announced that the handsome set of stamps issued last year is soon to be replaced by a new issue, for what reason is not stated. The 1892 set has been demonetized and the remainders sold for a fraction of their face value. The complete set is now offered retail at about ten per cent. of catalogue quotations.

FRANCE.—(*Re-engraved 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c.*) The stamps of what is known as the *Mouchon* design, 10c to 30c, are being re-engraved. The white lines in the background and in the drapery have been widened, giving the design a clearer appearance. The word POSTES has been removed from the tablet in the right upper corner, and is now found in the frame at the top, and the figure of value alone occupies this tablet which has been reduced in size and altered from square to shield shaped. The 20c brown violet, 30c violet and the 10c post card have been issued of this re-engraved type. A new stamp, ½ centime, is soon to be issued for newspaper postage.

GAMBIA. — (*King Edward set.*) We chronicled the 1d King's head in April, and have now to report the entire set consisting of the same values and colors as the 1898 issue, with the addition of a 2s in grey and buff.

GOLD COAST.—(*King Edward set.*) The entire set in the usual colonial type is announced. The colors, perforation and watermark remain as in the 1894-1900 Queen's head series. The values are ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 1s, 2s, 5s, 10s, 20s.

GREAT BRITAIN.—(*5d King's head.*) The 5d value of the King Edward series was issued May 15th. Like its predecessor of that value, it is printed in lilac and blue.

GRENADA.—(*King Edward set.*) This colony, in adopting the new colonial type, has added three high values, 2s green and blue, 5s green and carmine, and 10s green and mauue; the lower values, ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d and 1s, are in the same colors as the Queen's heads of 1895-99. It will be noticed that there is no 8d in the new set. ½d and 1d postcards, of the usual designs and colors, have also been issued.

GUATEMALA.—(*New stamps in preparation.*) Two sets, one for interior and the other for foreign postage, are announced as ordered from Waterlow & Sons, of London.

LIBERIA.—(*Provisionals.*) The official stamps, 1894 2c (star), 1898 1c magenta, 15c slate, 1900 1c green and 2c red and black, have been surcharged ORDINARY and issued as regular postage stamps. Later news would indicate that the entire current set of official stamps has received this surcharge, 240 of each value, 1c to $1.00, and 12 each of the $2.00 and $5.00.

MALTA.—(*Reported provisional 1d.*) *Ewen's Weekly* is informed by its Malta correspondent that the stock of 2½d stamps on hand is to be surcharged ONE PENNY, with a view to making way for the King's head issue. There is a very large supply of the 2½d value on hand, as that value is in little demand since the adoption of Imperial 1d postage. It will be regretable to see the interesting Maltese types replaced by the cheap and nasty De la Rue colonial design.

MAURITIUS.—(*New stamps in "Arms" type.*) Mauritius is to be congratulated on deciding to retain its distinctive design. *Ewen's Weekly* reports the following as printed and shortly to be issued, all of the arms type:—

5c violet-grey and lilac on chamois paper.
8c sea-green and black on chamois paper.
12c grey-black and carmine on white.
25c sea-green and carmine on pale green.
50c grey-green and dark green on yellow.
1 rupee, dark grey and carmine on white.
2r. 50c, sea-green and black on blue.
5r. brown and carmine on red.

The three high values are of larger size, and are inscribed POSTAGE AND REVENUE.

NEW CALEDONIA.—(*Provisional 5c and 15c.*) Two more provisionals have been issued: 5c on 30c and 15c on 40c.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—(*New printing.*) The current stamps of this Australian state have lately been arriving in much brighter colors than usual, the *Aust. J. of Ph.* attributes this to a new method of production on gummed paper, instead of gumming the sheets after printing. The ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 4d, 6d, 8d, 10d and 1s have appeared on the new paper.

NIUE.—(*Provisional ½d, 1d and 2½d.*) In our March number we recorded a temporary surcharge on the New Zealand 1d by means of a rubber hand stamp. This was unofficial, but the ½d, 1d and 2½d have since been officially surcharged with the name NIUE and value in the native tongue. Specimens and a list of the different varieties have been sent us by Mr. Bolitho.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.—(*Provisional 1d.*) As announced in Mr. Rudd's South African notes, the current 1d Cape of Good Hope (figure of Hope) has been surcharged in three lines ORANGE RIVER COLONY.

PENRHYN ISLAND.—(*Provisional ½d, 1d and 2½d.*) A list of the varieties of the New Zealand stamps surcharged for this island, sent us by Mr. Bolitho, will be found in another column.

PERSIA.—(*Provisionals.*) As announced in our April number, numerous surcharges have lately been appearing from Persia, of which no explanation of their object has been given. Besides these a type-set series of stamps has appeared, printed on a *burelé* background, as follows:—

1s grey	on yellow	background
2s red-brown	"	"
3s green	"	"
5s carmine	"	"
10s yellow-gr'n	"	"
12s blue	"	"
1k violet	on blue	"
2k olive-green	"	"
5k orange	"	"
10k blue-black	"	"
50k red	"	"

These provisionals are surcharged with different control marks for the various post offices where they are used.

PORTUGESE COLONIES.—(*Provisionals.*) The recent attempts of the Portugese Government to unload its large surplus stock of colonial remainders upon the philatelic market has not been a success. The highest bid on the lot, offered for sale by public tender a short time ago, was about 10 per cent. of face value, and consequently the lot was withdrawn. Immense quantities are said to exist at the mint at Lisbon of all the obsolete colonial issues, the crown tppe of 1870, the embossed type of 1886, the 1894 and special issues of later date. All these are now to be surcharged and used postally

if possible, or sold to stamp collectors if they are fools enough to buy. A decree published in the *Official Gazette* indicates no less than 210 surcharges; Angola, Cape Verde, Congo, Guinea, Laurenzo-Marques, Mozambique, St. Thomas and Prince, Zambesi, will have each 65, 115, 130 and 400 reis surcharged on a long list of obsolete types. Portugese India, 1r, 2r, 2½r, 3r, 2½ and 5 tangas on different types; Macao, 6 avos and 18 avos; Timor, 5, 6, 9, 15, 22 avos on different obsolete types. The commemorative type of 1898 is to be surcharged PROVISORIO and re-issued in postal union colors, these comprise Portugese Africa, 10, 25, 50, 75 reis; India, 6r, 1t, 2t; Macao, 2, 4, 8, 12, 16 avos; Timor, 2 and 12 avos. A new issue is to appear for Inhambane (Africa) consisting of 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200, 400, 500, 700 reis. As an offset to this long list of entrances, the following take their exits, Macao, 2½, 16, 24 avos; Timor, 2½, 4, 8, 16, 20, 24 avos, and the 80, 150 and 300 reis of the other colonies.

SALVADOR. — (*New stamps ordered.*) The new set of stamps, so long promised, may soon be expected, as the sum of £690 12s 6d has been remitted to London to pay for their manufacture by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co.

SIERRA LEONE.—(*King Edward envelope.*) *A. Smith & Co.'s Monthly* illustrates a new 1d envelope carmine on white laid paper.

SOMALI COAST.—(*Provisionals.*) In our April number we gave a list of recent surcharges; since then more Obock stamps have been used up for the Somali Coast postal requirements. The large triangular 25 francs has been surcharged 5 CENTIMES and the 10 francs surcharged 10 CENTIMES DJIBOUTI. Another recent provisional is the 40c Somali Coast surcharged 5 CENTIMES.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—(*King Edward 3c and 8c.*) From Mr. Koh Hoon Teck of Singapore we have received two values of King Edward stamps of this colony. They are of the regular colonial type inscribed POSTAGE & REVENUE. The 3c is lilac and red and the 8c lilac on blue paper. Our correspondent calls attention to the fact that the King's head is not exactly in the centre, but this characterstic is shared by all the new colonials of this cheap De la Rue type.

TASMANIA.—(*More values on V&Crown paper.*) In addition to the 1d and 2d Melbourne prints on Victoria paper, reported in our March number, it is stated by several European journals that the pictorial ½d, 2½d and 3d have also appeared on this paper. As our Australian correspondents make no mention of them, they may be postal union specimens.

The following list of the varieties of New Zealand and its Island dependencies has been furnished by Mr. H. Bolitho. :—

VARIETIES OF CURRENT NEW ZEALAND ½d and 1d STAMPS.

THICK SOFT PAPER *Wmkd Double lined N Z over Star*

½d green	1d carmine (universal) local print
11	11
11 x 14½	14½
14½ x 11	Both vars of 1d are found imperf. vertically (one sheet only of each)
14½	

THIN TOUGH PAPER *Wmkd double lined N Z and Star*

11 x 14½	11
14½ x 11	11 x 14½
14½	14½ x 11
	14½

THIN TOUGH PAPER, *No wmk*

14½	11 x 14½
	14½

THIN TOUGH PAPER, *with new wmk, single lined NZ over Star*, similar to 1882 issue, only NZ closer to star

14½	14½

There may be other main varieties, but I have only listed those I have seen. Other compound perfs. have been met with, but are very scarce. I will send list later on when I have verified same.

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NIUE and PENRHYN ISLAND PROVISIONALS.

½d, 1d and 2½ current issue of New Zealand overprinted as under:

1—Overprint NIUE in blue on 1d universal on thick soft paper, perf. 11. (This surcharge was only applied to very few sheets and is now superseded. It was effected by means of a rubber stamp at Niue.)

2—½d on thin tough paper, wmkd double lined NZ and star, perf. 14½. Overprinted in carmine.
NIUE
½ PENI

3—Same with inverted overprint.

4—Overprint NIUE
TAHA PENI in blue on 1d universal on paper perf. 11 x 14½.

5—Overprint NIUE
2½ PENI in carmine on 2½ blue Wakatipu on unwmkd paper, perf. 11.

6—½d on thin tough paper double lined wmk, perf. 14½, overprinted
PENRHYN ISLAND
½ PENI in carmine.

7—1d on thin tough paper, perf. 14½, double lined wmk, overprinted
PENRHYN ISLAND
TAI PENI

8—2½d overprinted on Wakatipu,
PENRHYN ISLAND
2½ PENI
soft paper, perf. 11, no wmk.

EDITORIAL.

FAREWELL.

Our readers will doubtless be surprised to read our publishers' article announcing the discontinuance of the MONTREAL PHILATELIST with this number. "Want of time" is the excuse commonly alleged when a philatelic publisher decides to discontinue, but it is plain that such a reason seldom tells all the truth; any enterprise that is financially successful can always secure for a consideration sufficient help to make up for any lack of time at the disposition of the owners. The real consideration in most cases, is, do the pecuniary results warrant the disposal of the time required to conduct the publication? Our publisher has come to the conclusion that they do not, and has therefore wisely decided to devote his talents to other enterprises, that will give a better return for the labor expended.

When in November, 1899, we undertook the conduct of this journal, it was expected that our connection with it would only be a temporary one, pending the adjustment of the former proprietor's business affairs. Events so shaped themselves that we were practically compelled to carry on the enterprise, and we have since endeavoured to accomplish our task to the satisfaction of our readers, often at the expense of other engagements of both a public and private nature. When we took charge, the journal was under a serious cloud owing to transactions of its former owner of a reprehensible character, for which no satisfactory explanation or excuse has ever been offered. At that time most of the circulation had been secured by questionable prize competitions; the subscribers cared nothing for the paper beyond their hope of securing a prize, they were not readers of its pages or of its advertisements. All such methods of attracting circulation were discarded, and by endeavouring to publish a journal of sufficient philatelic merit, to be an aid and guide to stamp collectors, we feel that while we have not accomplished all we aspired to, we have endeared ourselves to a large circle of careful readers who will regret our discontinuance.

In our efforts to produce a useful philatelic journal, we have been ably assisted by a widespread corps of foreign correspondents, most of whom preferred to contribute anonymously—these are entitled to our thanks. We have particularly to thank Mr. Gosset of Auckland, N.Z., Mr. Bolitho and Mr. Rudd for many valuable contributions. To our contemporaries we are indebted for many kindly notices and reviews, more especially to the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, *S. C's Fortnightly*, *Ewen's Weekly*, *Mekeel's Weekly*, and the reviewer of the *Era*. During the two years and a half that we have conducted this journal, we have had several tilts with other editors; we have criticised unsparingly when we considered the interests of philately demanded it, but we have always endeavored to maintain the most cordial personal relations with those whose views we have had to combat, and we retire from the editor's chair with the kindliest feelings to one and all, opponents or supporters, and we trust these feelings are reciprocated.

If we have been successful in attaining to any niche in Philately's arch, it has been by our determination to publish only ascertained facts, not surmises; our editorials and arguments have always been based on solid unshakable facts, and for this reason we have not once had to yield in any discussion. True to this policy to the last, we have given our readers the real facts why we cease publication, and which, if the truth were told, are the determining causes of nearly every philatelic journal's demise. Indirectly, as house organs, most journals pay their owners, but advertising and subscription rates are cut down to too low a figure, to make any stamp paper in existence to-day a financially successful enterprise on its own direct merits; by this we mean one giving even a fair direct profit on the capital and labor invested.

To one and all our readers we say farewell.

SOUTH AFRICAN STAMP NOTES.

By H. RUDD, Cape Town.

The 1d current Cape of Good Hope, figure Hope, has been surcharged

ORANGE
RIVER
COLONY

in black, similar to the ½d.

I may add that this surcharging, and also that on the Cape of Good Hope postcards, for use in O. R. C. has been done by a local firm of printers, Messrs. W. A. Richards & Co.

Very few of the new 3d Cape, figure of Hope standing, appear to have been issued At any rate they cannot be bought at the general post office or any of the suburban offices.

Probably they are being held over until the present issue has become exhausted. It is not expected that the Cape of Good Hope, "King's Head," stamps will be issued until next year.

The Cape 1d, View of Table Bay, stamps are having a most erratic career. After having on several occasions been withdrawn from sale for periods extending over some months, they have again made their appearance and are on sale at all post offices.

GENERAL NOTES.

New Zealand, Australasian, Etc.

By Vivian C. Gosset.

Since the annexation, the Cook Islands have, as a matter of course, adopted the N. Z. post office regulations. The following is from the *N. Z. Herald :*

Melbourne, Victoria,
December 19, 1901.

The Postal Department announces that as Cook Islands have been annexed to New Zealand postal matter will now be sent to the islands at the same rates as to New Zealand."

In my opinion, stamp collecting has, for the past few months been very dormant in Auckland, no doubt on account of the summer season. I have heard of several collections changing hands, some of them at fair figures. One was put up for public auction recently. It is the first instance I have heard of a collection being disposed of in this manner in Auckland. It is advertised as follows :

" Complete Stamp Collector's Outfit, comprising Album and 1200 Stamps, Packets, Sheets, Oak Stamp Press, Roller and Glasses, etc."

The great question of the postal affairs regarding the new Australian Commonwealth is being eagerly discussed in the Parliament. I cull the following from the *Herald*, viz. :

" In the Senate Mr. Drake, Federal Post-
" master-General, explained that under
" the Postal and Telegraph Rates Bill it
" was expected to get £35,000 from news-
" paper postage. He proposed to devote
" this and other revenue to meeting the
" reduction in telegraphic rates, which
" would amount to £45,000. In committee
" an amendment was carried extending
" the shilling telegraphic rate to Tasmania,
" the proviso relating to an addition for
" cable charges being struck out."

" Speaking at a dinner of the Post and
" Telegraph Officers' Association on Nov.
" 30, Mr. Gray, Secretary of the Depart
" ment, said the revenue for the past three
" months, notwithstanding penny post-
" age, showed very substantial results.
" He explained that the Postmaster-Gene-
" ral hoped within twelve months to make
" one or two amendments in the direction
" of benefiting the rank and file of the ser-
" vice."

At the islands of Atiu, Mitiaro and Mauke, of the Cook group, South Pacific, the position of postmaster is occupied by natives (Maoris), and they each get paid by the Government the handsome salary of £2 per annum for their onerous (?) duties. They take things very easy and occasionally carry round the mail for a week before it strikes them they have a letter for some one. Really they take the position as easily as they are wont to do the various other occupations of their life in the Sunny South Sea Islands.

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Secretary's Report.

New Members Admitted.

246, Ralph Millar ; 247, Geo. R. Lighthall ; 248, Murray Fierheller.

Applications for Membership.

249. Ovila Roy, Box 23, Glen Robertson, Ont., Can., painter. Ref., Frank W. Pitt, Geo. E. Waddell.

250. Willet R. Bowen, 203 Highland Av., Syracuse, N.Y., student. Ref., Hamilton H. White, H. Smith.

251. John R. McCleister, Point Edward, Ont., freight clerk. Ref., A. R. Magill, J. H. MacIntyre.

252. Adam J. Wagner, Willow St., Richmond Hill, printer. Ref., Alfred S. Houghton, H. Smith.

253. G. Gelli, 10 Rue Fripiers, Bruxelles, Belgium, stamp merchant. Ref., W. K. Hall.

Resigned.

Wilfred A. Chapman, Rocky Hlll, Conn.

The Secretary thanks the members for their support and hopes for a prosperous year under the new officers soon to be elected. Cannot possibly take the office again and hopes a better man will get it. Will not say good-bye now, as you will probably have to hear from him again in July number,

C. H. FOWLE, Sec.

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Fellow Members of the C.P.S.

Gentlemen,—Having decided that a convention this year would not be in the interests of our society, I issue a call for the annual election and fix the date thereof on August 28th.

I hereby appoint Messrs. G. W. Cornish, W. Patterson, and A. R. Magill, all of Montreal, to act as scrutineers, and report the result to the official organ. Ballots must be sent in so as to reach Mr. A. R. Magill, whom I appoint secretary of above

committee not later than August 28 next.

Our Secretary-Treasurer will have ballots printed in accordance with Clause XII. of our Constitution and mailed to all members in good standing and entitled to vote, and I would suggest that he also send a printed list of members with the ballots, so that voters can decide whom to vote for.

I was not aware of the fact that one of our trustees had resigned until I read the item in the May number of the MONTREAL PHILATELIST. Mr. Smith replies to the editorial in that number on my behalf, and I announce myself as a candidate for re-election as your president, leaving my record of service to our society in your hands. Very faithfully yours,

W. K. HALL, President.

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To the Editor MONTREAL PHILATELIST:

DEAR SIR,—Referring to your editorial on above society, while I am always pleased to see an article on our society in your valuable paper, I think that a fair representation of facts should be given and justice done to the principal officers who appear to be held responsible for the "do-nothingism" of the society.

Now in fairness to our present president I would ask you to look through your list of members and see how many names Mr. Hall is at the back of. *Thirty-five* members (15 the last year) he has proposed and the large majority still on the books and really good reliable men and the class we want to secure. I do not see that the gentleman nominated to replace him has introduced a single member. I think this fact should be placed before the members before their vote is solicited in any one direction.

It does not necessarily follow that because the official organ does not hear from an officer he is not doing his duty in other ways. I think the "do-nothing-ism" should be placed in other quarters and not with the principal officers.

I don't believe in annual elections; they do more harm to a society than good, and generally cause ill feeling and dissatisfaction and tend to the breaking up of the society. If any of the officers do not do their duty they can be taken in hand and dealt with by the proper authorities.

Now in the last paragraph of your editorial you say no nominations are necessary, yet you publish a ticket in another part of your paper and solicit votes, although you also say "This secures a perfectly *free* election and restricts no one's choice." Does not this appear rather contradictory?

I beg to address these few remarks without any prejudice or ill feeling whatever, but simply in justice to all parties concerned and in the welfare of the society, which I feel sure will steadily grow in the right direction if properly handled, and kept free from party politics.

Yours very truly, H. SMITH, Sales Supt.
Medford Mass., June 3, 1902.

[We have not questioned Mr. Hall's devotion to the interests of the society, nor ignored the good work he has done; but it is certain that when the rank and file never hear a word from their president, they drift into carelessness in regard to society interests. Several complaints have been made to us that Mr. Hall does not even reply to members and officers when written to on matters touching the welfare of the society. We can find no contradiction in our remarks; we have nominated no one, but merely suggested a ticket we believe to be a good one—any other member can do the same, and votes can be cast for any name the voter chooses independently of any ticket by the system of no previous nominations being required. If Mr. Smith desires to have the constitution changed in regard to annual elections, he can give notice of his proposal two months in advance of the election, and the vote of the members will decide.

We have received a long letter from Mr. Frank D. Murphy, No. 238, for which we have no space. Mr. Murphy makes suggestions which are contrary to the rules that govern the C. P. S. He will find those rules in the MONTREAL PHILATELIST of June and July, 1901.—Editor M. P.]

PUBLISHER'S NOTES.

With this number the MONTREAL PHILATELIST ceases publication. These words no doubt will give my readers a little shock, but nevertheless it's the truth. After publishing this paper for about three years and getting the best returns in literary work and printing that I could for the money I invested, I have come to the conclusion that for the amount one has to spend and the time one has to devote no one will ever make a fortune out of a stamp paper, especially in Canada. The same amount of capital and energy put into almost any other pursuit will prove a much better investment. By the above I don't mean to say that I made nothing out of the paper, for on the contrary every number was issued at a profit, but not large enough to make it worth while continuing the publication. I must thank everybody who helped me along, subscribers, advertisers, publishers and others. I have tried to give every one full value for the money they have paid me, and as no complaints have ever been made, I conclude all are satisfied. With this number the great majority of subscriptions expire. Only about 225 have yet six months to run, up to December next, and a few have paid a year or more in advance. To these I propose the following settlement of my liability:—

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